

MARIA JANTZI AND NICHOLAS ULRICH FAMILY

VI. Barbara Ulrich

BORN

DIED

- E. Ezra U. Roth (farmer)  
 m. Dec 6, 1928 at Milford, Ne to  
 Mattie Eicher, dau. of Lee and Elizabeth (Yeachley) Eicher  
 rm. May 6, 1967 to  
 Susan Marner, dau. of Eli and Elizabeth (Kinsinger) Marner  
 Mennonite  
 1411 N. Kolterman, Seward, Neb. 68434
- Oct 1, 1907  
 Milford, NE  
 Nov 22, 1909  
 Iowa Co., IA  
 Dec 26, 1920  
 Johnson Co., IA  
 Apr 30, 1964  
 E. Fairview
1. Kenneth Keith Roth (farmer)  
 m. Jun 28, 1957 at Beaver Crossing, NE to  
 Barbara Schweitzer, dau. of Joe and Marie (Roth) Schweitzer  
 Seward, Neb. 68434
- May 19, 1930  
 Milford, NE  
 Feb 1, 1939
- a. Peggy Ann Roth  
 m. Aug 6, 1977 to  
 Robert Samuel Fry, Jr.
- Apr 7, 1958  
 Sep 10, 1956
- (1) Abigail Elaine Fry  
 Sep 21, 1981
- b. Douglas Wayne Roth  
 Dec 31, 1960
- c. Paula Marie Roth  
 Mar 26, 1965
2. Doretta Jane Roth (key punch & data entry-SE Comm. College)  
 m. Oct 4, 1951 at Milford, NE to  
 Ralph Ray Schweitzer (tel. installer & repair) son of Ralph  
 Missionary Church A. and Vera (Barnett) Schweitzer  
 Box 253, Milford, Neb. 68405
- Apr 5, 1932  
 Milford, NE  
 Dec 21, 1929  
 Milford, NE
- a. Pennie Jo Schweitzer (hospital x-ray technician)  
 m. Apr 21, 1973 at Milford, NE to  
 Richard F. Rardin, Jr. (bookkeeper) son of Richard F. &  
 Missionary Church Letha (Sanburn) Rardin  
 Box 606, Milford, Neb. 68405
- Apr 21, 1952  
 Lincoln, NE  
 Feb 5, 1952  
 Lincoln, NE
- (1) Jill Nicole Rardin  
 May 31, 1976  
 Seward, NE
- (2) Jeffrey Michael Rardin  
 Apr 17, 1979  
 Seward, NE
- b. Bruce Allen Schweitzer (telephone co. draftsman)  
 Missionary Church  
 623 South 19th St., Apt. 7, Lincoln, Neb. 68510
- Mar 18, 1955  
 Seward, NE
- c. Mark Ray Schweitzer (tool and die maker)  
 m. May 16, 1981 at Lexington, NE to  
 Cindy Lee Yung, dau. of Dale and Ila (Skjelzer) Yung  
 United Methodist  
 1105 N. Pierce St., Lexington, Neb. 68850
- Jan 22, 1957  
 Seward, NE  
 Jun 5, 1956  
 Red Cloud, NE
3. Imagene Roth  
 m. May 10, 1951 at Milford, NE to  
 Darold D. Burkey (farmer) son of William and Jemima  
 (Stutzman) Burkey  
 Milford, Neb. 68405
- June 2, 1933  
 Milford, NE  
 Apr 11, 1926
- a. Charlotte Burkey  
 m. Apr 20, 1974 to  
 Lonnie Roy Roth
- Nov 5, 1951  
 Apr 28, 1951
- (1) Corey Roy Roth  
 Sept 2, 1975
- (2) Adrian Dennis Roth  
 Nov 26, 1977
- (3) Destidy Jean Roth  
 Apr 18, 1979
- b. Debra Burkey (beautician)  
 m. Dec 6, 1980 at Wood River, NE to  
 David Delmar Roth (farmer) son of Delmar and Evelyn  
 Mennonite (Schweitzer) Roth  
 Rt.1, Cairo, Neb.
- Aug 18, 1953  
 Seward, NE  
 Nov 10, 1949  
 Grand Is., NE
- c. Kevin Burkey  
 June 8, 1958
- d. Edwin Burkey  
 Aug 6, 1960
- e. Carrie Lin Burkey  
 Sep 28, 1967

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VI. Barbara Ulrich		
E. Ezra U. Roth		
4. Clifford Wayne Roth (railroad employee)	Dec 30, 1934	
m. Jan 22, 1961 at Crete, NE to	Milford, NE	
Sandra Rose Weaver, dau. of David and Grace (Vian) Weaver	Jun 18, 1941	
R.R.#5, Crestview Add., Fremont, Neb. 68025		
a. Irene Elizabeth Roth	Nov 11, 1961	
	Seward, NE	
b. David Wayne Roth	May 18, 1963	
	Seward, NE	
5. Julie Ann Roth	Aug 12, 1936	
m. Oct 16, 1955 at Seward, NE to	Milford, NE	
Kenneth Hafer (radio & TV repairman) son of Carl and Hilda	Aug 10, 1934	
Seward, Neb. 68434	Hafer	
a. Laura Lee Hafer	May 28, 1958	
m. June 4, 1977 to		
Todd Leslie Bye	Mar 3, 1956	
(1) Anthony Carl Bye	Dec 10, 1981	
b. Kathleen Kay Hafer	Dec 2, 1959	
m. Aug 20, 1978 to		
Joel Albert Klammer	May 4, 1957	
c. Gregory Scott Hafer	Sep 23, 1962	
d. Larry Eugene Hafer	Dec 24, 1968	
e. Dale John Hafer	Mar 27, 1971	
6. Lonnie Ray Roth (builder)	Jul 19, 1943	
m. Dec 12, 1964 at Milford, NE to	Milford, NE	
Janet Detweiler, dau. of Ed and Minnie (Zimmerman) Detweiler	Apr 22, 1946	
Milford, Neb. 68405		
a. Teryl Ray Roth	May 5, 1965	
b. Tracy Mary Ann Roth	Jun 19, 1970	
F. Esther U. Roth	Sep 22, 1910	
m. Aug 9, 1928 at Milford, NE to	Milford, NE	
Jake J. Roth (farmer) son of John and Mary (Stauffer) Roth	Oct 26, 1906	Jan 23, 1972
Mennonite	Milford, NE	E. Fairview,
Box 116, Milford, Neb. 68405		Milford, NE
1. Fredetta Evelyn Roth (grocery store employee)	July 1, 1929	
Mennonite, East Fairview	Milford, NE	
Milford, Neb. 68405		
2. Arvilla Darlene Roth	Jan 19, 1931	
m. Apr 30, 1950 at Milford, NE to	Milford, NE	
Wilton Schweitzer (farmer) son of Lee and Elma (Stutzman)	Sep 15, 1928	
Mennonite	Milford, NE	
Milford, Neb. 68405	Schweitzer	
a. Marilyn Jane Schweitzer	Nov 16, 1952	
m. Dec 28, 1973 at Dorchester, NE to	Crete, NE	
Nathan Saltzman (chiropractor) son of Clinton and Doris	Jun 21, 1953	
Mennonite	Milford, NE	
Farmington, N.M.	(Stutzman) Saltzman	
b. Larry Wayne Schweitzer (farmer)	Feb 27, 1955	
m. Apr 19, 1974 at Milford, NE to	Friend, NE	
Vickie Reil, dau. of Wesley and Elva (Riley) Reil	May 26, 1953	
Mennonite	Crete, NE	
Friend, Neb. 68359		
(1) Tracy Lynn Schweitzer	Sept 2, 1975	
	Friend, NE	
(2) Stuart Wayne Schweitzer	Feb 2, 1978	
	Friend, NE	
(3) Michelle Ann Schweitzer	Jan 29, 1980	
	Friend, NE	

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F. Esther U. Roth		
2. Arvilla Darlene Roth		
c. Rodney Ray Schweitzer (farmer)	July 8, 1961	
m. Oct 10, 1980 at Milford, NE to	Friend, NE	
Jana Riley, dau. of Ferman and Lois (Stutzman) Riley	Sep 15, 1963	
Mennonite	Seward, NE	
Dorchester, Neb. 68343		
(1) Rance Rodney Schweitzer	Oct 20, 1981	
3. Donna Lee Roth	Feb 6, 1934	
m. Dec 30, 1951 at Seward, NE to	Seward, NE	
Willis Roth (farmer) son of Arthur and Eva Roth	Nov 27, 1932	
East Fairview Mennonite Church	Chappell, NE	
Rt.1, Milford, Neb. 68405		
a. Susan Kaye Roth	July 9, 1952	
m. Nov 12, 1971 at Milford, NE to	Seward, NE	
Floyd Nitzsche (Farmland Co-op emp.) son of William and	Dec 15, 1952	
E. Fairview Mennonite                      Luella (Stutzman) Nitzsche	Pender, NE	
Milford, Neb. 68405		
(1) Kendall Lee Nitzsche	June 6, 1975	
	Seward, NE	
(2) William Joe Nitzsche	Sep 27, 1977	
	Seward, NE	
b. Dwight Lynn Roth (carpenter, mason)	Nov 1, 1953	
m. Aug 6, 1976 at Milford, NE to	Milford, NE	
Kendra Hershberger, dau. of David and Mary Ann (Stutzman)	May 16, 1953	
Mennonite    Hershberger	Friend, NE	
Milford, Neb. 68405		
(1) Dina Renee Roth	June 7, 1978	
	Lincoln, NE	
(2) Mindy Sue Roth	Jul 31, 1980	
	Lincoln, NE	
c. Samuel Lee Roth	Jan 22, 1964	
	Seward, NE	
4. Aloha Mae Roth	Feb 12, 1936	
m. Oct 20, 1961 at Milford, NE to	Milford, NE	
Wayne Roth (farmer) son of William and Emma (Stutzman) Roth	Nov 9, 1933	
Mennonite	Milford, NE	
Rt.1, Milford, Neb. 68405		
a. Douglas Wayne Roth	Sep 16, 1963	
	Seward, NE	
b. Steven Ray Roth	July 2, 1965	
	Seward, NE	
c. Bradly Eugene Roth	Jul 19, 1970	
	Seward, NE	
d. Jeffery Alan Roth	Mar 13, 1976	
	Seward, NE	
5. Richard Ray Roth (farmer)	Apr 16, 1938	
m. May 16, 1958 at Milford, NE to	Seward, NE	
Eleanor Schweitzer, dau. of Elmer and Gertrude (Miller)	Oct 26, 1937	
East Fairview Mennonite                                      Schweitzer	Beav.Cross.,NE	
Rt. 2, Seward, Neb. 68434		
a. Kirby Alan Roth (farmer)	May 27, 1959	
m. May 26, 1978 at Milford, NE to	Seward, NE	
Karen Hershberger, dau. of David and Mary Ann (Stutzman)	Apr 16, 1960	
Mennonite    Hershberger	Friend, NE	
Milford, Neb. 68405		
(1) Kiann Nichole Roth	Nov 10, 1980	
	Lincoln, NE	
b. Kristine Kay Roth (bookkeeper)	Jun 29, 1961	
	Seward, NE	
c. Kyla Eugene Roth	Nov 1, 1963	
	Seward, NE	

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VI. Barbara Ulrich		
F. Esther U. Roth		
5. Richard Ray Roth		
d. Kraig LaRoy Roth	Oct 30, 1964	
	Seward, NE	
6. Lorene Faye Roth	Nov 24, 1947	
m. June 16, 1972 at Milford, NE to	Friend, NE	
Earl McCullough (farmer) son of Clifford and Irene (Balch)	Dec 5, 1948	
Mennonite	Friend, NE	
Rt. 2, Friend, Neb. 68359	McCullough	
a. Jodi Lynn McCullough	Nov 6, 1973	
	Seward, NE	
b. Kimberly Jo McCullough	Jan 14, 1975	
	Seward, NE	
c. Vickie Sue McCullough	Jan 7, 1977	
	Seward, NE	
d. Jamie Lee McCullough	Nov 27, 1981	
	Seward, NE	

Ontario, Canada

After three daughters in the Joseph Jantzi family, the arrival of Christian was probably a welcome event. However, Christian was only six when he lost his father and was caught in the upheaval suffered by the family at that time. When Christian was about nine, his mother married again to Christian Riser. At the time of the census in 1851, Christian B. was not with his mother and step-father, but in the home of Christian and Catherine Roth in Wilmot. Since the Jantzi-Riser house was not completed until 1852, and the family had only a shanty in the woods of Wellesley Township, Christian was probably more comfortable with the Roths, but, no doubt, he was still lonely. Another young fellow was also in the Roth home. This was Jacob Schweitzer who later married Christian's sister Barbara. No doubt, these two became acquainted through Christian.

In the 1861 census, Christian was at home in Wellesley Township with all the other Jantzi and Riser children except Catherine and Barbara who were already married. Christian and his sister, Maria, were seeing a great deal of the oldest son and daughter of John and Anna Ulrich who lived across the road. In December of 1861, Maria Jantzi and Nicholas Ulrich were married, and Christian Jantzi and Magdalena Ulrich the following March.

Christian had a double cousin also named Christian. Since their mothers were Boshart sisters, they both used the initial B. How they distinguished between the two while they lived in the same community, is hard to say. Cousin Christian B. had a daughter who married one of Christian B.'s Lichti nieces; so it is not always easy for the historian to know with which family he is dealing.

It seems likely that Christian B. and Magdalena remained with the Ulrich parents, and Nicholas and Maria rented a farm in Mornington after their marriages. In 1872, Christian B. purchased the  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot #7, Con. V in Mornington Township, Perth County, from William Moss. It is not certain when Christian B. and family moved to this farm, because land purchases were often formalized several years after they were occupied in those early days. From the church birth record of Nicholas, which shows Mornington, and family records of Joseph, Christian and David, which indicate near Milverton, it seems likely these sons were born on this farm or a nearby location. David's twin, Catherine, lived only 11 days. It is certain Anna and Daniel were born here. In March of 1878, Christian B. sold the farm to James Roe for \$5000. In 1972, the farm buildings were still standing, but the house had been replaced.

Seward County, Nebraska

Sometime during 1878, the family moved to Seward County, Nebraska, north of Milford, and purchased 160 acres from the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad for \$1581, located in the east half of the north east quarter and the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 27, Township 11 N.,

Range 3 E. Magdalena and Moses were born on this farm. However, Christian received the deed for this farm on April 28, 1883. In August, 1883, he sold it to Samuel N. Welsh for \$3000, with Mr. Welsh assuming the unpaid balance of a \$1025 mortgage dated March 3, 1883.

Holt County, Nebraska

On April 13, 1883, Christian B. purchased the southeast quarter of Section 4, Township 30 N., Range 12 W. (160 acres) in Holt County, about 12 miles northwest of O'Neill, for \$200. There are stories that the family lived in a sod house while their house was being built and that they burned twisted grass and buffalo chips in a hay burner drum for heat. At this time, John was 20 years old and Moses 16 months.

The 1885 census in Holt County contains some interesting details about farm production and consumption for this family:

"Milch cows 4, other 8. Butter made on the farm in 1884, 250 lbs. Swine on hand 8, horses 8, barnyard 50, other 30. Eggs produced in 1884, 200 dozen. Oats 2 acres, crop 10 bushels; wheat acres 38, crop 420 bushels. Sorghum 1884, 1 acre, molasses 60 gallons. Potatoes 2 acres, 300 bushels. Acres of land 60; other unimproved not growing wood 100 acres. Farm value including land, fences and buildings \$1500. Value of farm machinery \$200, live stock \$700. Estimated value of all farm productions, sold, consumed or on hand for 1884 \$250."

Listing of family members showed Christian, Mattie, and all ten children at home. The census showed none of the children attended school within the census year. Were the children not in school, or was this an oversight of the census taker?

On March 19, 1888, Christian and Magdalena gave a deed for 2 acres, running north and south in the southeast corner of their farm "to be used for a church site and burying ground in trust for the Amish Mennonite Church." Trustees for the church were Menno Erb, Jacob Sweitzer and Valentine Garber (Gerber).

In a history of Holt County published in 1976,<sup>1</sup> reference is made to the C. B. Yantzi family:

"C. B. Yantzi and his family came to northeast Holt County from Seward County in 1883 and settled on the quarter section where the church and cemetery were later located. . . . From his land Mr. Yantzi gave two acres to be held in trust for the Amish Mennonite Church and Cemetery. . . Christian Ernst<sup>2</sup> and his son, Christian, built the church in 1888. The elder Ernst also built the benches. Among the first preachers was Christian Ernst II, who preached in German. The men and boys sat on one side of the church, the women, girls and younger children on the other. The married men wore beards. The men and boys wore broad brimmed black hats, the women prayer caps. Following their ancient custom, hooks and eyes, rather than buttons, were used on their

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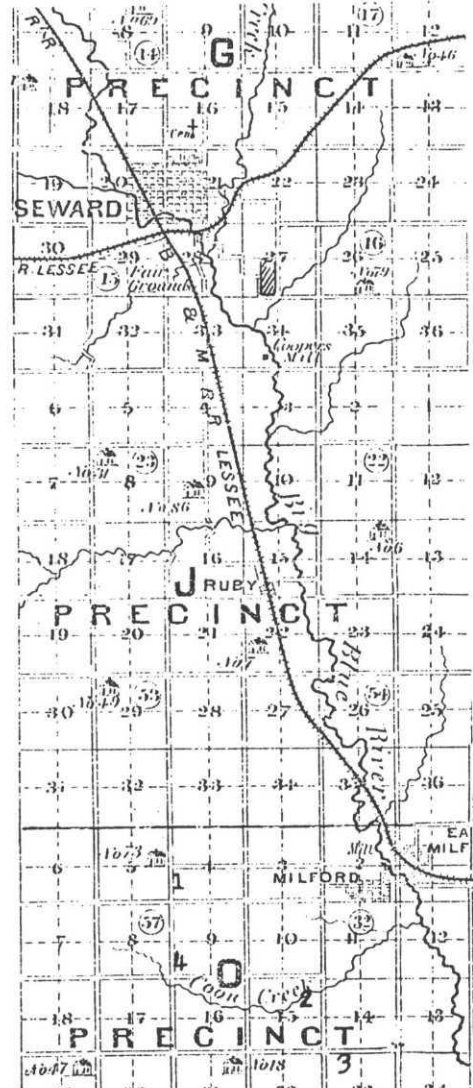
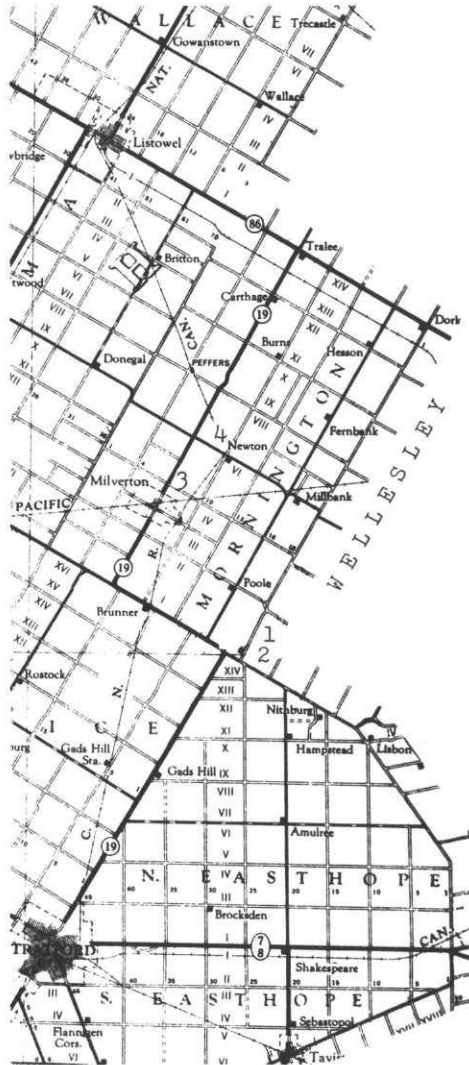
<sup>1</sup>Before Today, by Nellie Snyder Yost, Sponsored by Holt County Historical Society, Miles Publishing Co., O'Neill, NE. pp. 167, 313.

<sup>2</sup>Christian Ernst's wife was Susan Kennel, first cousin of Christian B. Yantzi. See chart on page 6.

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Ontario, Canada

Seward County, Nebraska



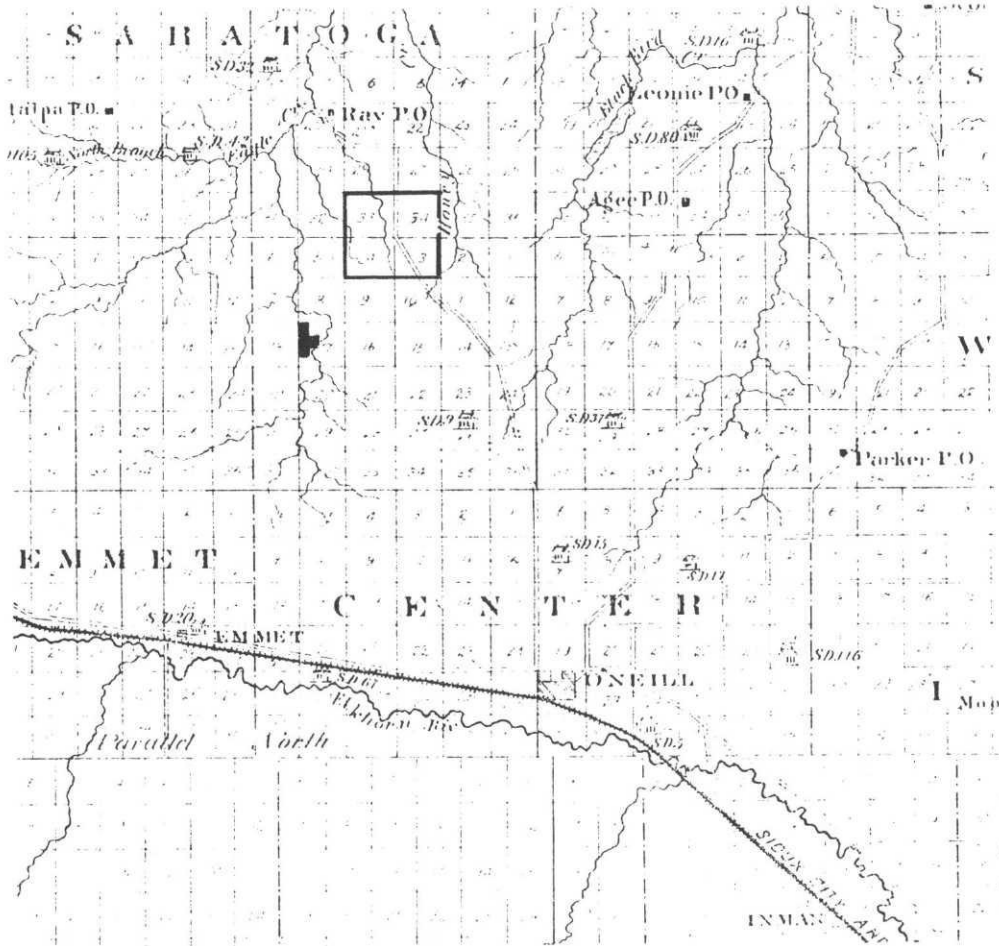
Mornington and NorthEasthope townships are in Perth County. Wellesley is in Waterloo County.

- 1) Riser-Jantzi farm
- 2) John Ulrich farm  
(later Nicholas Ulrich)
- 3) Christian B. Yantzi farm  
(1872-1878)
- 4) Nicholas Ulrich home  
(1861 residents list)

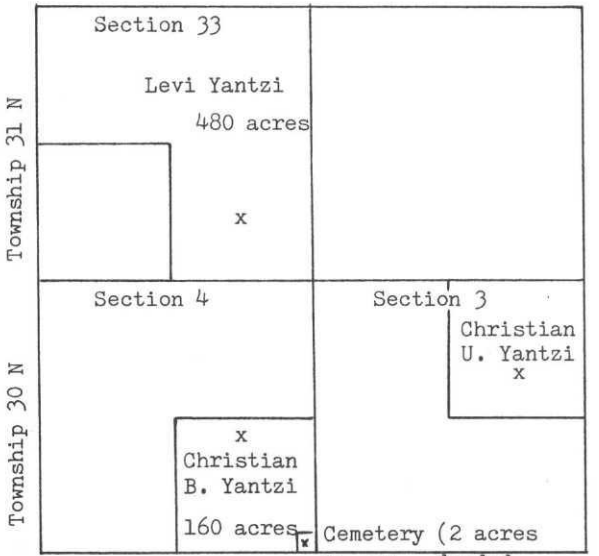
Christian B. Yantzi farm  
(Precinct G, T.11.N., R.3.E.,  
Section #27, E $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , shaded )

- 1) Joseph B. Jantzi farm
- 2) & 3) Nicholas Ulrich farms
- 4) East Fairview Mennonite Church  
and cemetery  
(1 - 4, all in Precinct O)

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Range 12 W



x building sites

Detail of Holt County, Nebraska, taken from the 1885 Official Atlas of Nebraska

Sections 3, 4, and 33 are enlarged at left to show some Christian B. Yantzi family land holdings and the location of the Amish Mennonite Church and cemetery on Christian B. Yantzi's farm.

Joseph U., for a time, owned  $NW\frac{1}{4} SW\frac{1}{4}, S\frac{1}{2} NW\frac{1}{4}, NW\frac{1}{4} NW\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 17, T.30.N., R.12.W.

Note: John U. Yantzi owned a quarter section in Township 25. O'Neill is in Township 29, Inman in Township 28; so John's land would have been considerably further south.

Credit for details at left: Sam and Nancy Derickson

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clothing and all dressed very plainly. . . . Most were ranchers and quite a number gave up during the drouth of the thirties and moved away. With the dwindling of the community, the church stood unused for a number of years. When the new Wesleyan Methodist church wanted to buy their pulpit and pews, . . . they sold the building and its contents for \$28 in the fall of 1940. . . . The lumber from the church was then used in building the basement of the Wesleyan Church in Spencer, where some of the original handmade benches are still in use in the basement."

When some of the family visited the site of the church in 1974, they found the foundation of the church clearly visible and the tombstones intact in the cemetery. They picked up a square nail and other memorabilia.

Christian B. sold the farm, minus the two acres, to F. J. Burnett on April 7, 1888, for \$1175. A patent record granting the property to Christian B. Yantzi was signed by President Benjamin Harrison on March 25, 1890, stating it was apparent that CBY had paid the full amount of \$200 for the 160 acres on April 19, 1887. Evidently, he had sold his property before the previous transactions were all properly executed.

#### Lewis County, New York

The family then went to Lewis County, New York, near Croghan, where Christian worked in the saw mill owned by Magdalena's brother, John Ulrich. The older sons had farms of their own or were working by this time. David and the younger children went with their parents. Had Magdalena seen her brother John since he left the family home in Ontario in the early 1860s to go to Croghan where he married Mary Yancey?<sup>1</sup> It is doubtful. It is interesting how closely the ages of the six Yantzi children who went to New York paralleled the ages of the six Ulrich children. (Louise Ulrich was born later.) The two families must have been eagerly anticipating the opportunity to get acquainted and to renew family ties. The CBY family stayed in New York about two years.

When they returned from New York, according to daughter Mary, they lived for a time on the Dawson place near Slocum Post Office and later rented a house in O'Neill for six months before going to Arkansas.

#### Sharp County, Arkansas

Magdalena had been troubled with severe attacks of asthma, and the doctor said moving to a warmer climate would be helpful. It is thought that Christian first went to Sharp County and bought a farm near Wirth. He returned for the family, and in 1892 they made the seven-week journey in a covered wagon. Daniel Sutter said, "Several other families went to Arkansas at this time -- families of Joe Gascho, Peter Erb and Joseph Kuhn. These families stayed about two years and then came back. All were sick with walking malaria."

German settlers were moving into the Wirth area, and the early story of Wirth is told in a small, 40-page book, published in 1981,<sup>2</sup> which contains this statement:

"Many early families made profound and lasting contributions to Wirth history as community leaders, creative artisans, generous and helpful neighbors and just plain hardworking, solid citizens. The distinguished roster which follows identifies those families who originally peopled the area within an approximate 5-mile radius of Wirth."

Among those listed is the name of Christian Yance. Christian B.'s farm was about a mile due west of Wirth. In the days the Yantzi family was there, they were able to go straight west of Wirth. Today this is grown up so that one needs to go north at the German Church (one-half mile), west (one mile), then south (one-half mile). The farm is on the east side of the road. In the Magdalena Yantzi and Daniel Edney family history, some details are given about this farm and the family's early life there. Anna, Mattie and Mary married men whose families lived in this area. Daniel and Moses found their brides in Kansas. Mary is the only one who settled in Wirth and reared her family there.

We wish we knew more about Magdalena. It has been said that she was short and rather stocky, that she could speak French and that she was not the strict Mennonite that Christian was. One story is that when her younger sister Anna died at 17, Anna's dowery went to Magdalena. The dowery included a big bed with laced rope springs, a feather tick, and a dresser. These Magdalena took with her wherever she went. Magdalena died of pneumonia in April of 1899, and is buried in Wirth, in the cemetery next to the German Church. She had asked Anna to take Mary, age 14, to live with her, which Anna did.

Mattie and Daniel Edney had married in 1897, and when Magdalena died, they returned from Oklahoma to help Christian. Their first child was born in his home. They later bought a farm adjoining Christian's on the south. In the June, 1900 census Christian, age 59, was living alone, and he stated that the year of his immigration to the United States was 1878, that he had been in the U.S. 22 years, that he owned his farm and it was free of mortgage. Mattie, Daniel and infant Millie were living on a nearby farm. Christian's house burned, and he later took pneumonia and almost died. Sometime after the birth of the Edney's second child in August, 1902, Christian sold his farm and returned to Milford, Nebraska. The Edneys went back to Oklahoma.

#### Milford, Nebraska

Christian's sister and husband, Maria and Nicholas Ulrich, gave Christian a home. According to Daniel and Lena Sutter, Christian worked for Nicholas and built some of his buildings. He worked as a painter and sometimes would stay at

<sup>1</sup>Mary Yancey was the daughter of Peter Yancey, half brother to Christian B.'s father, Joseph. See the family chart on page 7. Also see pages 371 - 380 for more details on the Ulrich family.

<sup>2</sup>The Sharp County Journal, published by the Arkansas Historical Society. Acknowledgement is given to a research paper by Nan Thompson Ernst, "German Settlements in Arkansas," University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

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the house he was painting during the week, then go back to Nicholas' home on weekends to go to church.

Fannie (Boshart) Stutzman, Maria and Nicholas Ulrich's granddaughter, also remembered the time Christian B. spent with her grandparents:

"What I remember of Christian B. Yantzi is that he was with my grandparents a lot. I can, in my mind, see him sitting in front of the kitchen range chewing tobacco and opening the little door in front to spit in. I remember hearing them talk about an electric storm when the lightning came down the chimney and gave Uncle Christian a shock as he sat in front of the stove. And I know he did a lot of painting buildings. Of course, he was gray-haired and quite bushy when I learned to know him. I knew he was Grandma's brother, and in later years was told his wife was Grandpa's sister, but she had died before I came on the scene."

Christian remained with the Ulrichs until their daughter Mary's marriage in 1915. (Nicholas had died in 1910.) The Sutters added these details:

"Christian owned several lots in Milford, including the one Art Hermann<sup>1</sup> now lives on. He sold those and bought the lot opposite Art and Anna, who have lived there more than 50 years. Then Christian bought a building which had been an office for some business and moved it two or three blocks to the lot he had bought at Second and F streets. (Lot #1, Block #8 of Laune's 3rd addition to Milford) The building was 14 x 20 feet. Christian made it into an eight-foot bedroom and the rest into kitchen. Lena used to clean the house for him and said he put the potatoes to bed with him at night to keep them from freezing."

The Sutters' and Fannie Stutzman's descriptions should help to answer great-granddaughter, Ada Shoemaker's question:

"One time we stopped in Milford where my great aunt Fannie Riser lived, on our way back from the State Fair at Lincoln. I must have been around ten years old. They took us over to the place where our great grandpa lived, but he was not at home. Isn't this odd, but I can still see that ladder hanging on the side of the house. I wonder if he did painting for a living?"

Christian visited his children, mainly during the winter, sometimes staying several months at the same place. Thus, his grandchildren and even some of his great grandchildren learned to know him. Ada Shoemaker recalled one visit -- an unplanned one:

"I remember our great grandpa Yantzi. He came to visit us one time. I was quite young, but he liked my mother. He was visiting my grandma and grandpa Yantzi (Joseph U. and Catherine) in O'Neill at the time and 'ran away,' as they termed it. Of course, the folks called my grand-

parents in O'Neill, and they later came for him."

Ruby (Yantzie) Burkey shared her memories:

"I remember Christian B. Yantzi well, as he used to come out to my parents' farm and stay a few days, sometimes a few weeks. He would help my father with small carpenter jobs, etc. I can see him sitting at the old round table in our large farm kitchen in his rocker, his long white beard almost touching his lap, it seemed to me. He was very kind and genial to us kids and we loved to have him come, but were somewhat in awe of him."

When Christian could no longer care for himself, Susie Jantzi, widow of his son Nicholas, gave him a room in the hotel she owned and operated in Milford and cared for him until his death on April 16, 1926, at age 85. He died of encephalitis, contributory cause, influenza. They moved his body to the home of his son Christian U. and Elizabeth Yantzie where a brief service was held, followed by a service in the East Fairview Mennonite Church.<sup>2</sup> One of his obituaries read, "He accepted Christ in his youth and united with the Amish Mennonite Church and remained a faithful member until called home by death. The funeral service was conducted by Joseph E. Zimmerman and the text was I Cor. 15:55,56." Burial was in the adjacent church cemetery. Seven of his children were present for the funeral.

Some of us who read about Christian and Magdalena Yantzi come from branches of their family whose roots were in Nebraska communities, some in Arkansas, and some in Kansas City. It is our hope that reading about this pioneering couple and sharing experiences of their ten children in the biographies which follow, may give us all a keener realization of the debt we owe to all of them and a deeper appreciation of the sacrifices they made.

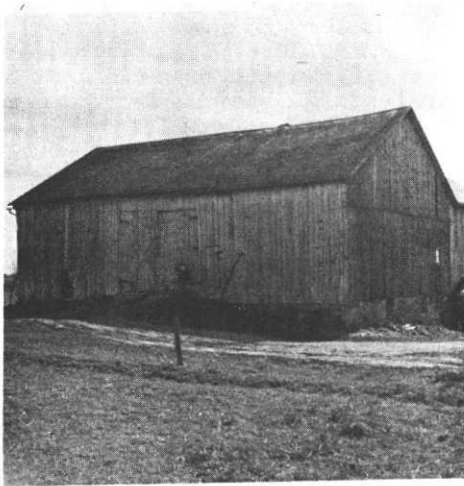
<sup>1</sup>Arthur Hermann was a son of Maria and Nicholas Ulrich's daughter, Anna. He also remembered Christian B. Yantzi well, especially the house-moving incident.

<sup>2</sup>About 1920, the Amish Mennonite Conference in Nebraska merged with the Mennonite Conference. East Fairview, then, discontinued the use of the term "Amish."

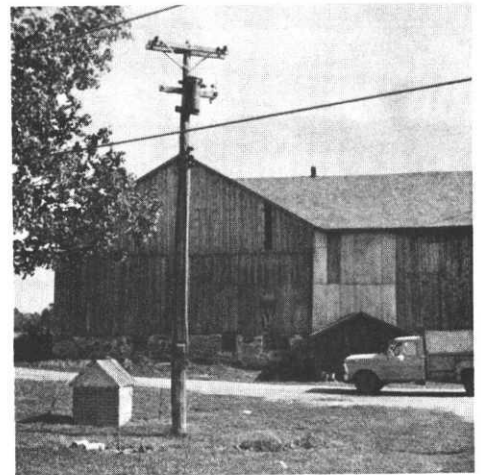
*\$317.14. Wilmot März den 13. ten 1862 -  
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 der sum von Zwanzig Hundert und vierzig Dollars  
 und vierzehn Cent in voll Schriftten. Jantzi*

\$317.14 Wilmot March the 13th 1862  
 Received from John Jantzi from Joseph Jantzi the sum of three hundred  
 and seventee dollars and fourteen cents in full Christian Jantzi

This is a copy of the receipt signed by Christian B. Yantzi when he received  
 his interitance from his uncle John Jantzi, administrator of Joseph Jantzi's estate.



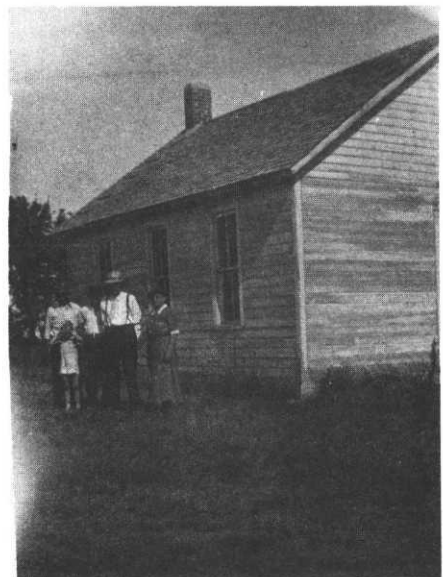
Barn on Christian B. Yantzi farm (1872-1878)  
 in Perth County, Ontario, Canada (taken in 1972)



Gable end of barn on left. The wing on the  
 right was probably a later addition.



Christian U. and Elizabeth (Erb) Yantzie in front  
 of church built on Christian B. Yantzi farm in  
 Holt County, Nebraska (taken about 1942)



A view of the Amish Mennonite Church in Holt  
 County.  
 L - R: Seth Scott with Shirley Scott (Hartsock),  
 Keith Hadden, Christian and Elizabeth Yantzie



Amish Mennonite Cemetery, near O'Neill, Nebraska,  
on land donated by C. B. Yantzi in 1888  
(taken in 1974)



Present site of church building  
L - R: Nancy (Yantzie) Derickson, Ruth (Yantzi)  
Ryan, Sam Derickson, standing at three  
corners where church had stood



German Church at Wirth, Arkansas  
with Bena (Friend) Eaton in doorway.  
The C. B. Yantzi family attended here.  
Magdalena (Ulrich Yantzi is buried in the  
adjoining cemetery. (taken in 1974)



School house at Wirth, Arkansas  
The youngest C. B. Yantzi children attended here.  
The Edney and Thompson children also attended  
here while living in the area.



Pond on the C. B. Yantzi farm at Wirth,  
Arkansas (taken in 1975)



Sons and daughters of Christian B. Yantzi,  
taken after his funeral in Milford, Nebraska  
in 1926.  
L - R, Top to Bottom: Joseph, Moses  
Daniel, Christian  
Anna Thompson (Huff), Mary Taylor, David

CHRISTIAN B. AND MAGDALENA (ULRICH) YANTZI FAMILY

	BORN	DIED
Christian B. Yantzi (farmer, painter) m. Mar 25, 1862 in Wellesley Twp. to Magdalena Ulrich, dau. of John and Anna (Farney?) Ulrich Amish Mennonite Morningson Twp., Ont.; Seward & Holt Co., Neb.; Wirth, Ark.; Milford, Neb.	Mar 18, 1941 Wilmot Twp. Mar 25, 1843 Wilmot Twp.	Apr 16, 1926 Milford, NE Apr 25, 1899 Wirth, AR
I. John U. Yantzi	Jan 18, 1863	Jul 16, 1936
II. Joseph U. Yantzi m. Dec 20, 1886 to Catherine Ernst	Jan 2, 1865 Sep 27, 1868	Mar 24, 1947 Feb 4, 1940
III. Christian U. Yantzie m. Mar 6, 1888 to Elizabeth Erb	Jan 5, 1867 May 1, 1869	Jan 29, 1952 Feb 29, 1976
IV. Nicholas U. Jantzi m. Mar 7, 1901 to Susie Jausi Susie rm. Nov 17, 1928 to Charles Danford	Jan 5, 1869 Oct 15, 1883	Aug 21, 1910 June 4, 1945
V. David U. Yantzi m. June 4, 1904 to Maggie Wettlaufer	Feb 18, 1872 Dec 15, 1886	Mar 6, 1961 Feb 4, 1952
VI. Catherine Jantzi (twin to David)	Feb 18, 1872	Mar 1, 1872
VII. Anna Yantzi m. Jan 27, 1896 to Benjamin Ellison Thompson rm. Oct 23, 1927 to Rufus Huff	Jun 30, 1874 Jun 11, 1876	Jun 11, 1963 May 31, 1961
VIII. Daniel U. Yantzi m. Jun 30, 1902 to Margaret May Harp	Nov 23, 1876 Nov 19, 1882	Feb 9, 1952 Oct 24, 1962
IX. Magdalena Yantzi m. Oct 26, 1897 to Daniel Edney	Jan 18, 1879 Feb 1, 1876	Nov 25, 1959 Mar 1945
X. Moses Yantzi m. Jan 30, 1905 to Minnie Myrtle Harp rm. Sept 30, 1935 to May (Winters) Dukes May rm. May 2, 1963 to Sidney O. Koeger	Dec 16, 1881 June 3, 1884 Apr 12, 1908 Mar 3, 1895	Apr 24, 1960 Nov 9, 1934 Jan 19, 1981
XI. Mary Yantzi m. May 26, 1912 to Richard D. Taylor	Apr 5, 1885 Apr 19, 1884	Oct 18, 1976 June 8, 1947

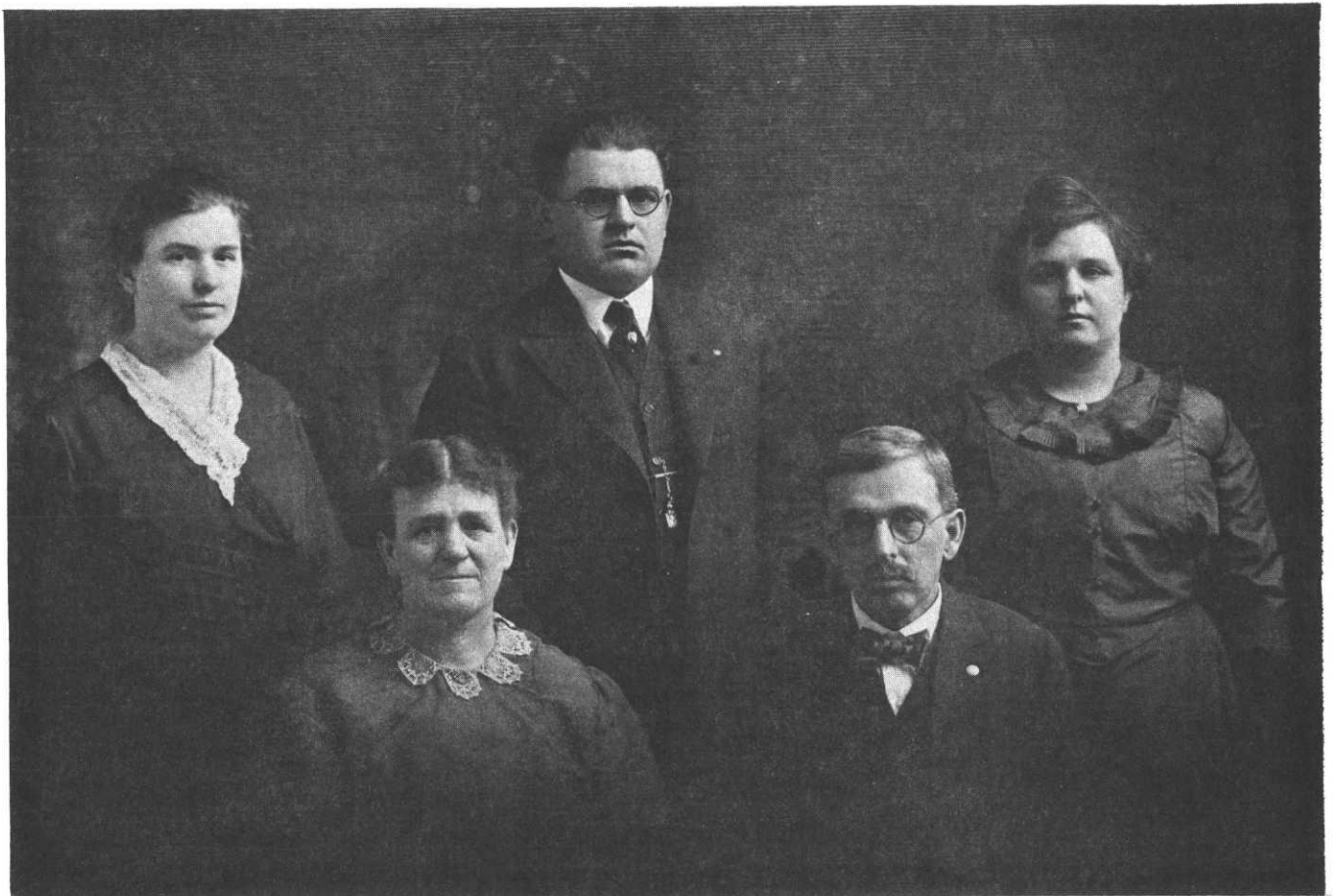
CHRISTIAN B. AND MAGDALENA (ULRICH) YANTZI FAMILY



Home of Joseph U. and Catherine Yantzi at  
915 Everett Street, O'Neill, Nebraska  
(taken in 1973)



Joseph U. Yantzi  
and Viola Marie Shoemaker (Tiedke-Mewis)



Joseph U. Yantzi Family  
Mattie Yantzi (Ives)      Christian E. Yantzi      Mary Ann Yantzi (Shoemaker)  
Catherine (Ernst) Yantzi      Joseph U. Yantzi

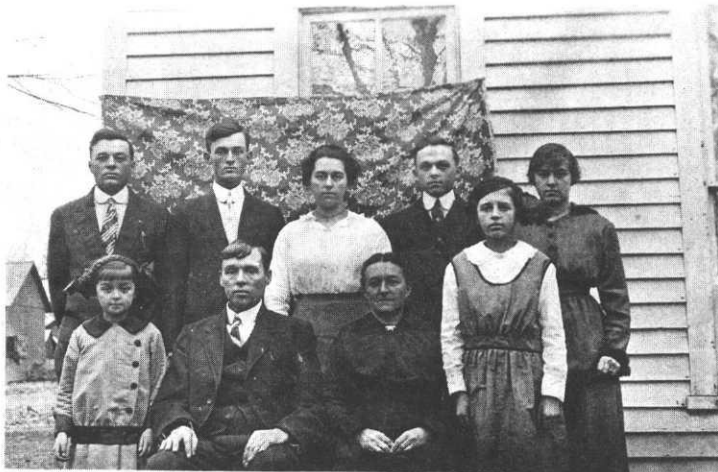
CHRISTIAN B. AND MAGDALENA (ULRICH) YANTZI FAMILY



L - R: Elizabeth (Erb) Yantzie  
Grandmother Erb (Margaret)  
with baby, Hazel Selby (Arp)  
Anna (Yantzie, Selby) Wanger



Elizabeth (Erb) and Christian U. Yantzie



Christian U. Yantzi Family

Back, L-R: Levi, Menno, Anna (Selby), Alvin E., Kathryn (Hadden-Mauel)  
Front, L-R: Elizabeth (Scott), Christian U., Elizabeth, Ida Minerva  
(taken about 1915) (Anderson-Albrecht)



Roman Nicholas Jantzi  
Roman Nicholas Jantzi, Jr.  
(taken in 1960)

CHRISTIAN B. AND MAGDALENA (ULRICH) YANTZI FAMILY



David U. Yantzi



Maggie Wettlaufer (Yantzi)  
(age 18)



Maggie and David U. Yantzi  
(1941 or 1942)



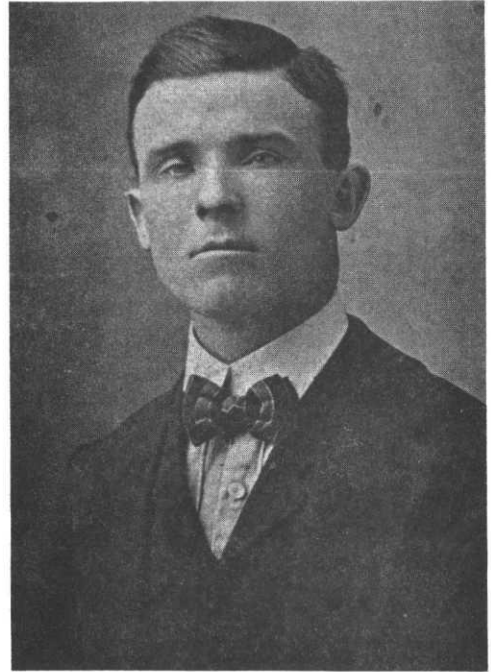
David U. Yantzi with his 85th birthday cake  
(1959)



Front, L-R: Mildred (Yantzi) Lang  
Annie (Yantzi) Tammeus  
Magdalen (Yantzi) Bednar  
Marinette (Yantzi) Smith  
Back, L-R: Lorraine (Yantzi) Stevens  
Harvey Yantzi, Harry Yantzi  
(taken at Dwaine Bednar's funeral, 1978)



Anna Yantzi (Thompson-Huff)  
(taken about 1900)



Benjamin E. Thompson  
(taken about 1900)

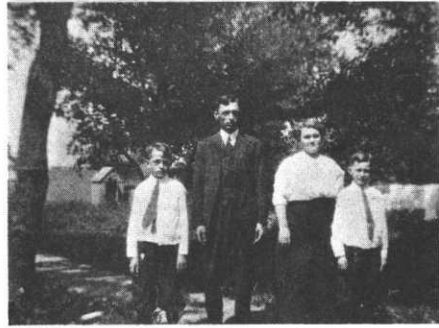


Anna (Yantzi, Thompson) Huff  
(taken in 1938)



L-R: Benjamin C. Thompson  
Irene (Thompson) Meredith  
Vera (Thompson) Majors  
Beulah (Thompson) Millsap

CHRISTIAN B. AND MAGDALENA (ULRICH) YANTZI FAMILY

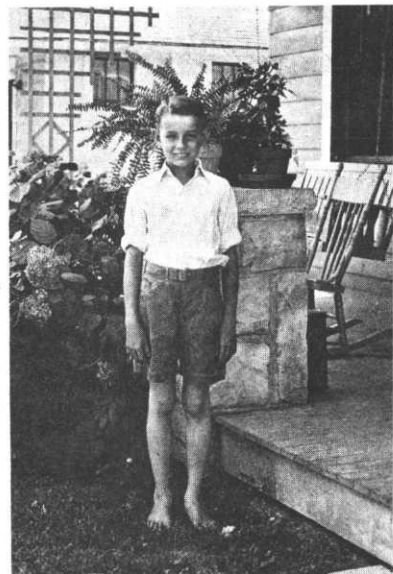


L-R: Millard Yantzi, Daniel U. Yantzi,  
Margaret (Harp) Yantzi, Clayton Yantzi  
(Kansas City)

Daniel U. and Margaret (Harp) Yantzi  
(married June, 1902)



L-R: Daniel U. Yantzi, Donald Yantzi (standing)  
Millard Yantzi, Alma (Dorman) Yantzi,  
Clayton Yantzi



Donald E. Yantzi



Moses Yantzi



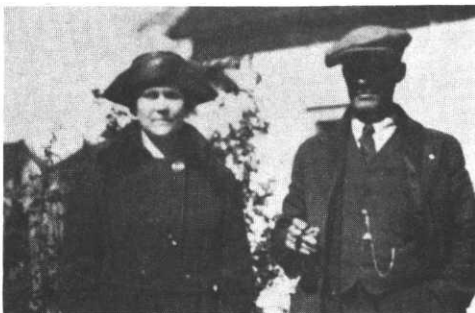
M. Myrtle Harp (Yantzi)



L-R: Ralph Yantzi, Myrtle (Harp) Yantzi, Ruth Yantzi (Ryan), Moses Yantzi (1229 Hasbrook Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas, (about 1914)



Moses Yantzi (Bethel, Kansas)



Myrtle (Harp) and Moses Yantzi (1926)



Moses and May (Winters, Dukes) Yantzi (Koeger) (1957)



Mary (Yantzi) Taylor  
Harrison, Arkansas  
(May, 1974)



L-R: Beulah (Taylor) Seitz  
Edythe (Taylor) Davidson  
Mary (Yantzi) Taylor (seated)

CHRISTIAN B. AND MAGDALENA (ULRICH) YANTZI FAMILY

JOHN U. YANTZI

John was the first child of Christian B. and Magdalena Yantzi and, undoubtedly, was of great help when, at 15, his parents and the seven children moved from Ontario to Seward County, Nebraska, in 1878.

Since John did not marry and since he lived apart from the family for many years, there is little documentation regarding his activities. But stories, mainly from the Anna (Yantzi) Thompson and the David U. Yantzi families, reveal something of John Yantzi's life.

Beulah (Thompson) Millsap shared several stories told by her mother, Anna (Yantzi) Thompson:

"The place where Aunt Mattie was born was a small place with an attic upstairs room.<sup>1</sup> Mother took Mattie under the bed in the room where the stove was and took the scissors with her. She cut her own hair on one side because Mennonites were not supposed to have curly hair. So uncle John took the scissors and cut the other side to match, because the preacher was coming. Uncle John helped take care of the children."

Beulah believes the following happened in Holt County:

"They held church in a sheep shed and had church all day. This particular day John was supposed to take care of the children. The sheep shed was across the field from the house where they lived. It was a very warm winter day, the barnyard was thawed out and the children went out and made mud cakes. They got mud under their finger nails (and elsewhere!) and Uncle John came out and found the children all dirty. Mother said she got a 'licking' because of this.

Uncle John was qualified to teach in the rural school, but it is not known whether he ever did or not."

It seems that many young men in communities like this left home, sometimes at an early age, to find work. Beulah's story is that one day John got on his horse, and with his head just sticking up above the porch railing, he told the family he was leaving. He did not tell them where he was going (probably did not know), and they did not hear from him for a long time.

Annie (Yantzi) Tammeus said that during some of the summers, John, Joseph, Nicholas and her father, David, went to Nobles County, Minnesota, to work as farm hands. They all made many friends at Rushmore, Wilmont and Lismore. Annie shared this story:

"While my father was still single, John, Joseph and others of the family were members of the Amish Mennonite Church. John had an argument with another young man in the congregation. Some one in the church told the two young men they would have to patch up their quarrel or be ex-communicated. ('Thrown out' was the word they understood.)<sup>2</sup> John left the church. Although he later lived in a Mennonite community, my father said he never had any information whether

John was a part of the church or whether he ever joined another church."

We do not know much about John's farming experience in Holt County, but the county record shows that on October 15, 1889, the United States granted to John U. Yantzi the northeast quarter of Section 19, Township 25 N., Range 12 W. (160 acres). He may have had other properties in the same general area. We were not able to locate these nor the date of sale of the above.

Sometime later he left the O'Neill community and went to Rushmore, Minnesota. Annie Tammeus continues the story:

"John rented a farm near Rushmore, Minnesota, and lived alone. When we moved to Rushmore in 1908, we lived with him for almost a year. I can't remember what year Uncle John moved to Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. I think it was about 1913. He bought a farm up there. He had such nice horses and really thought a lot of them. Beulah says they were Clydesdale horses. One summer wasn't so good, and he did not raise enough feed for them for the winter. As he had to buy expensive feed, one neighbor told him to sell a couple of horses and buy feed for the rest. He replied, 'Oh, no, that would be just like killing one fellow and feeding him to the rest.'

After Uncle John moved to Red Lake Falls, no one heard from him very often, as he didn't like to write. My folks went up to see him a couple of times in the 1920s and early 1930s, and they said he had a nice place there.

When he became ill, he did not want to let anyone know, but a neighbor lady wrote to my folks, telling them he needed help. He had had surgery in Thief River Falls. This was about August, 1935, and my folks went up and brought him back to live with them. He would not let my mother wash his clothes because of drainage resulting from the surgery. John washed his own clothing until November when it got too cold to do it outside. He remained with my parents until March, 1936, when he became worse and required hospitalization. He went back up there and died of cancer in a St. Cloud hospital four months later. He is buried in St. Cloud, Minnesota."

<sup>1</sup>This would have been in Seward County.

<sup>2</sup>The Amish Mennonites believed that people who were not at peace with each other or with God should not come to Communion together. If they were known to have disagreements (resulting in animosity), they were counselled to be reconciled, and if they did not respond, they were ex-communicated, and, therefore, not allowed to participate in Communion. It was hoped that this drastic measure would bring the person or persons to their senses and that they would repent and be re-instated. Frequently, however, such persons became alienated from the church and never returned.

I. John U. Yantzi (farmer, raiser of horses)  
Amish Mennonite until early adulthood  
O'Neill, Neb.; Red Lake Falls, Minn.

BORN	DIED
Jan 18, 1863	Jul 16, 1936
Ontario, CAN	St. Cloud, MN

CHRISTIAN B. AND MAGDALENA (ULRICH) YANTZI FAMILY

JOSEPH U. YANTZI AND CATHERINE ERNST

When a small child, Joseph U. Yantzi suffered a back injury, caused by a horse. However, this did not seem to interfere very much with his work.

Joseph was 13 when the family moved from Canada to Seward County, Nebraska, and was 18 when they moved to Holt County in 1883. Along with his brothers, John, Nicholas and David, he enjoyed the summers they spent working in Nobles County, Minnesota. All except Nicholas returned at a later time to live in that area.

In 1886 Joseph married Catherine Ernst, daughter of Christian and Susanna (Kennel) Ernst. The Ernst family came to Holt County from Canada in 1884. Joseph and Catherine were second cousins, as Joseph's grandfather, Joseph Jantzi, and Catherine's grandmother, Magdalena (Jantzi) Kennel, were brother and sister. For the Kennel family, see the chart on page 6.

In 1889, Joseph bought 160 acres in Section 17, Township 30 N., Range 12 W., described as follows: NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ . A patent from the United States was granted to Joseph for this property on November 21, 1890. It seems he also owned other property of which we have no definite records.

We have no information about Joseph's farming experience, if any, or whether he and Catherine lived on any of this land. Daughter Mary was born in this area in 1888, but the next three children were born in Fulda, Minnesota in 1893, 1896 and 1897. All family reports indicate Joseph was a butter maker by trade and, along with owning cream stations, worked at his trade in Minnesota, South Dakota and O'Neill.

Daniel L. Jantzi (1887-1978) of the Nicholas and Veronica (Lichti) Jantzi family, said that when his family moved from Canada to Nobles County, Minnesota, he knew Joseph and Catherine and used to play with Mary Ann when she was about four and he was five. So we assume that Joseph and Catherine left O'Neill and were living in Fulda by 1892. According to Edna (Barnard) Yantzi, from Fulda the family moved back to O'Neill, then went to South Dakota and back to O'Neill. They lived at 708 E. Fremont and then moved to 915 Everett Street when son Chris was about 16 years of age, or about 1913. Catherine died here in 1940.

A picture of the house on Everett Street, shown on page 253, was taken by Lorraine (Yantzi) Stevens in 1973 and sent with these comments: "This is where Uncle Joe lived when I was a girl and visited them. It still looks the same although the rest of the buildings are gone." Lorraine shared some other memories as well:

"When I was about 11 or 12 (1930 or 31), I went with my parents to visit Uncle Joe. At that time he was raising goats on about ten acres of land. I remember eating goat and rabbit meat. My husband Ted and I went to visit Uncle Joe twice between 1940 and 1947. The first time Uncle Joe had a creamery and was working. He probably lived in the home place. On the second visit, he was not feeling very well and was living in a room in back of the creamery."

Ada Shoemaker shared these memories:

"My grandma Yantzi was an Ernst. She had several brothers who were Mennonite ministers. Most of my Grandma Yantzi's brothers stayed with the Mennonite Church and a number of her people are buried in the Mennonite Cemetery near O'Neill.

My grandpa Yantzi used to sit and talk to me about his church just before his death. I used to go home weekends to be close to him. He lived with Mom and Dad about five months before his death. He always wanted me to make a trip to the church over at Milford. I don't recall him talking much about our great grandpa, but he did mention our great grandma now and then."

Katherine Shoemaker told of her experiences:

"I spent a lot of time in O'Neill with my grandparents, Joseph and Catherine Yantzi. I used to spend summers with them and I stayed with them when I was in the 6th grade. I knew some of the other Yantzi families at that time. I can remember Uncle Dave's family from Minnesota visiting several times while I was there.

For several years Uncle Christ had a combined store and cream station in O'Neill. I worked in the store and helped with the book work for the cream station, which my grandfather operated. My grandfather was at our home the last few months he lived and he died at our place."

This from Viola (Shoemaker) Tiedke-Mewis:

"I spent a good part of my summer vacation from the time I was a fourth grader until a couple of years after I graduated from high school with my grandparents in O'Neill. It must have been before that when I used to go with Grandmother to pick up Aunt Mattie from the school where she was teaching in the country, several miles from O'Neill. It seems we went with horse and buggy."

Edna (Barnard) Yantzi contributed This:

"Joseph was a quiet man. When he joined the Masonic Lodge, the Mennonite Church ex-communicated him, and he joined the Presbyterian Church, where he was an active member. Joseph owned a cream station uptown. When my husband, Chris, got out of World War I, he worked with his father in the cream station. Joseph had living quarters at the station."

Joseph and Catherine celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December, 1936. They are buried in the city cemetery in O'Neill.

CHRISTIAN B AND MAGDALENA (ULRICH) YANTZI FAMILY

	BORN	DIED
II. Joseph U. Yantzi (butter maker, owner of cream station) m. Dec 20, 1886 at O'Neill, NE to Catherine Ernst, dau. of Christian E. and Susanna (Kennel) Ernst Amish Mennonite; Presbyterian O'Neill, Neb.; Fulca, Minneta	Jan 2, 1865 Milverton, ON Sept 27, 1868	Mar 24, 1947 O'Neill, NE Feb 4, 1940 Wellesley Twp. O'Neill, NE
A. Mary Ann Yantzi m. Dec 9, 1908 to William Laten Shoemaker	Jul 18, 1888 May 4, 1882	Aug 8, 1962 Jul 8, 1971
B. Adrian Yantzi	Mar 4, 1893	Mar 16, 1893
C. Mattie Magdelene Yantzi m. July 8, 1919 to Clarence Arthur Ives	Aug 28, 1896 Oct 4, 1888	Apr 14, 1968 June 2, 1961
D. Christian E. Yantzi m. Oct 23, 1924 to Edna H. Barnard	Feb 4, 1897 Mar 25, 1893	Oct 3, 1953 Oct 24, 1981

Dad and Mom (Mary Ann Yantzi Shoemaker) were both very fond of music. Dad tried so hard to make musicians of his four girls. I played piano -- started my lessons on an organ that you had to pump with both feet. Ethel and Ada played saxophones and Katherine a violin. At one time Dad had a set of drums, so you see it could get a little noisy at our house sometimes. Later they raised a grandson who learned to play piano quite well and he also took singing lessons. They got a great deal of satisfaction out of his playing and singing.

I also recall the cream cake and cream tarts that Mother made for Thanksgiving and Christmas. She made the cream cake especially for Dad. (by Ada Shoemaker)

A. Mary Ann Yantzi m. Dec 9, 1908 in O'Neill, NE to William Laten Shoemaker (blacksmith) son of Lewis & Ada (Green) United Methodist O'Neill, Neb.; Stanton, Neb.	Jul 18, 1888 O'Neill, NE May 4, 1882 Shoemaker AntelopeCo.,NE	Aug 8, 1962 Stanton, NE July 8, 1971 Stanton, NE
1. Viola Marie Shoemaker m. Nov 22, 1930 at Wisner, NE to Allen Tiedtke (carpenter)son of Otto and Anna (Tritten) rm. July 12, 1978 at Stanton, NE to Tiedtke Lester C. Mewis, son of Herbert and Edna Mewis United Methodist P.O. Box 183, Pilger, Neb. 68768	Aug 1, 1909 O'Neill, NE Oct 31, 1907 Pilger, NE Dec 11, 1908 Stanton, NE	Aug 4, 1974 Pilger, NE
a. Dean Arthur Tiedtke (laborer) United Methodist Wakefield, Neb. 68784	Apr 1, 1933 Pilger, NE	
b. Mary Ann Tiedtke	Nov 17, 1934 Pilger, NE	Feb 26, 1940 Pilger, NE
c. Carol Lou Tiedtke (teacher, secondary special education) m. Apr 29, 1960 at Pilger, NE to Phillip C. James (milkman, car salesman, egg dryer oper.) son of Howard and Norma (Golden) James United Methodist 1015 Pearl St., Wayne, Neb. 68787	Sep 24, 1938 Lincoln, NE Dec 29, 1934 Wayne, NE	
(1) Penny Marie James	Oct 3, 1961 Ft. Sill, OK	
(2) Allen Howard James	Sep 15, 1963 Wakefield, NE	
(3) Pamela Ann James	Oct 22, 1968 Wayne, NE	
(4) Michael Phillip James	Oct 5, 1973 Wayne, NE	
d. Janet Elaine Tiedtke (medical bookkeeper) m. Feb 1, 1959 at Pilger, NE to Terry Scherer (butcher, IBP) son of Warren and Nitha Trinity Church (Bowman) Scherer 137 S. Monitor St., West Point, Neb. 68788	Dec 13, 1940 Lincoln, NE Apr 4, 1940 West Point,NE	
(1) Jeffrey Max Scherer (butcher, IBP) Trinity Church 137 S. Monitor St., West Point, Neb. 68788	May 15, 1960	

CHRISTIAN B. AND MAGDALENA (ULRICH) YANTZI FAMILY

	BORN	DIED
II. Joseph U. Yantzi		
A. Mary Ann Yantzi		
1. Viola Marie Shoemaker		
d. Janet Elaine Tiedtke		
(2) Robert Allen Scherer	Nov 23, 1962	
(3) Scott Douglas Scherer	Apr 10, 1964	
(4) Ann Marie Scherer	Jan 25, 1966	
2. Ethel Mae Shoemaker	Apr 23, 1911	
m. Dec 31, 1930 at Madison, NE to	O'Neill, NE	
Walter Dahlkoetter (farmer) son of Herman and Mary (Larker)	Jul 22, 1900	
Stanton, Neb. 68779	Dahlkoetter	
a. Barbara Jean Dahlkoetter	Aug 4, 1932	
m. Oct 31, 1970 to		
Joseph Sabe, son of John Sabe		
b. Jacqueline Lou Dahlkoetter	Aug 14, 1933	
m. Nov 10, 1969 to		
Richard G. Trefrey		
c. William Lewis Dahlkoetter	May 27, 1938	
m. Nov 28, 1958 to		
Phylliss Bates, dau. of Clarence and Hattie (Wagner) Bates		
(1) Todd William Dahlkoetter	Sep 18, 1959	
(2) David Wayne Dahlkoetter	Sep 12, 1960	
(3) Sheri Dianne Dahlkoetter	Sep 20, 1962	
(4) Bradley Jay Dahlkoetter	Jul 26, 1965	
(5) Jennifer Lynn Dahlkoetter	Oct 28, 1969	
(6) Jody Lea Dahlkoetter	Jun 14, 1971	
d. Marilyn Joan Dahlkoetter	Sep 23, 1939	
m. to Randy Argoe		
div. Apr 1969		
(1) Troy Donavon Argoe	May 13, 1968	
e. Gerald Walter Dahlkoetter	Mar 19, 1942	
m. Nov 29, 1964 to		
Linda Jones	Apr 28, 1945	
(1) Roxanne Dahlkoetter	Dec 22, 1965	
f. Sandra Sue Dahlkoetter	Aug 4, 1943	
m. Jun 27, 1970 to		
Norman Hanson, son of John Hanson		
(1) Wendy Sue Hanson	Jan 22, 1973	
g. Katherine Mary Dahlkoetter	Sept 6, 1944	
h. Stephen Roland Dahlkoetter	Sept 3, 1947	
m. Sept 19, 1970 to		
Phyllis Stuhr, dau. of Frank Stuhr		
3. Katherine Margaret Shoemaker (mercantile clerk)	Oct 22, 1912	
United Methodist	O'Neill, NE	
Box 126, Stanton, Neb. 68779		
4. Ada LaBelle Shoemaker (clerical worker)	Nov 12, 1914	
United Methodist	Stanton, NE	
2243 Jones St., Apt. 18, Omaha, Neb. 68102		
5. Helen Shoemaker	Jul 15, 1917	Jul 18, 1917
	Stanton, NE	Stanton, NE

## CHRISTIAN B. AND MAGDALENA (ULRICH) YANTZI FAMILY

	BORN	DIED
II. Joseph U. Yantzi		
A. Mary Ann Yantzi		
6. Dennis Douglas Shoemaker (adopted) m. Aug 4, 1962 at Norfolk, NE to Carol Kerber	May 28, 1939	
a. Shelly Lynn Shoemaker	Jul 30, 1963	
b. Renee Lea Shoemaker	Jun 18, 1967	
c. David William Shoemaker	Apr 2, 1969	
B. Adrian Yantzi	Mar 4, 1893 Fulda, MN	Mar 16, 1893 Fulda, MN
C. Mattie Magdelene Yantzi	Aug 28, 1896 Fulda, MN	Apr 14, 1968 Bend, OR
m. July 8, 1919 at O'Neill, NE to Clarence Arthur Ives (lumber mill worker) son of Frank & Alice Methodist (Lake) Ives Bend, Ore.	Oct 4, 1888 Portland, OR	June 2, 1961 Bend, OR
1. Myrtle Winnora Ives (data processing mgr.) m. Apr 18, 1941 at Bend, OR to George Russel Klassen (newspaper/insurance empl., antique dealer) son of John and Shirley (Kelly) Klassen Methodist Portland, Ore.	Jul 31, 1920 Bridgewater, SD June 9, 1919 Yakima, WA	Jun 22, 1977 Portland, OR
a. Shirley Marie Klassen (office manager) m. Jun 22, 1962 at Reno, NV to Gerald Anthony Kimmel (landscaper) son of Jay and Fern (Winters) Kimmel 6917 Kittery Ave., Citrus Heights, Cal. 95610	Aug 5, 1942 Portland, OR June 4, 1940 Vale, OR	
(1) Sherre Jean Kimmel	Aug 26, 1962 Reno, NV	
(2) Connee Denise Kimmel	Jul 14, 1963 Reno, NV	
b. Jo Ann Eileen Klassen (school librarian) m. Dec 27, 1970 at Portland, OR to E. David Granum (dentist) son of David & Gladys (Drake) Christian Granum 7135 N. Montana, Portland, Ore. 97217	Mar 5, 1946 Portland, OR Sep 30, 1946 Portland, OR	
(1) Liana Klassen Granum	Oct 20, 1979	
c. Robert George Klassen (production manager) m. Dec 17, 1971 at Rockford, IL to Mary Cox, dau. of James and Kathryn (Siebenaller) Cox Methodist 2608 Parkwood Dr., Claremore, Okla. 74017	Feb 9, 1948 Portland, OR Aug 26, 1949 WhiteWater, WI	
(1) Tom Klassen	Aug 12, 1964	
(2) Jim Klassen	Aug 7, 1965	
(3) Kimberly Klassen	Sept 8, 1966	
(4) Bryan Klassen	Feb 10, 1968	
(5) Jonathan Klassen	June 3, 1973	
d. Patricia Lee Klassen (teacher) m. Dec 21, 1974 at Portland, OR to Douglas Dusenbery (loan officer) son of Bobbie & Dorothy Methodist (Purcell) Dusenbery 1530 N. 19th St., Coos Bay, Ore. 97420	Nov 21, 1950 Portland, OR Jun 12, 1946 Salem, OR	
(1) Cheryl Mattie Dusenbery	Feb 6, 1978 Coos Bay, OR	
(2) Kyle Judson Dusenbery	July 3, 1979 Coos Bay, OR	

CHRISTIAN B. AND MAGDALENA (ULRICH) YANTZI FAMILY

II. Joseph U. Yantzi	BORN	DIED
C. Mattie Magdelene Yantzi		
2. Neva Evelyn Ives	Apr 6, 1922	
m. Aug 31, 1941 at Mossyrock, WA	Bridgewater, SD	
Oscar Frank Ketcham (auto mechanic, service station owner)	Nov 1, 1916	
son of Charles Addison and Anna Finka	Trenton, MO	
Baptist		
828 West Fir Ave., Redmond, Ore. 97756		
a. Karen Kaye Ketcham (school classified aide)	Jul 22, 1942	
m. Mar 17, 1962 at Bend, OR to	Bend, OR	
Jerry Glen Campbell (postmaster) son of Harold and Jean	Jan 29, 1942	
Christian Church (Wilcox) Campbell	McMinnville, OR	
P. O. Box 22, LaPine, Ore. 97739		
(1) Cassandra Caye Campbell	Oct 6, 1962	Oct 7, 1962
	Oakridge, OR	Bend, OR
(2) Scott Lee Campbell (adopted)	Oct 26, 1962	
	Seoul, Korea	
(3) Timothy Glen Campbell	Sept 5, 1964	
	Redmond, OR	
(4) Ginger Louise Campbell	June 7, 1967	
	Redmond, OR	
b. Janet Marie Ketcham (tailor)	Feb 26, 1947	
m. Mar 22, 1968 at Redmond, OR to	Bend, OR	
David Edward Fooks (pastoral student) son of Melvin and	Dec 18, 1943	
Baptist Bible Fellowship Dorothy (Darling) Fooks	Inglewood, CA	
2545 N. Robberson St., Springfield, MO 65803		
(1) Paul Edward Fooks	Aug 31, 1971	
	Portland, OR	
(2) Philip Andrew Fooks	Feb 27, 1975	
	Milwaukie, OR	
3. Thomas Walter Ives (adm. mgr.-Westinghouse Electric Corp.)	Apr 12, 1924	
m. Apr 12, 1952 at Portland, OR to	Bridgewater, SD	
Bonnie Ruth Bish (part-time clerk) dau. of Ervin & Florence	Feb 22, 1926	
United Methodist (Wagner) Bish	Giltner, NE	
217 N.E. 147th St., Portland, Ore. 17230		
a. Deanne Lynn Ives (dietician)	Jan 14, 1954	
m. July 8, 1978 at Portland, OR to	Portland, OR	
Vlad M. Voytilla (building designer)	Sept 3, 1954	
b. Joy Celeste Ives	Sep 16, 1956	
m. Aug 9, 1976 at Portland, OR to	Portland, OR	
Harold Dwaine Keever (taxi driver)		
(1) Jacob Ervin Keever	Nov 9, 1977	
(2) Tiah Celeste Keever	Aug 23, 1980	
c. George Alexander Ives (student)	Apr 26, 1958	
United Methodist	Portland, OR	
217 N.E. 147th St., Portland, Ore. 97230		
d. Gregory Scott Ives	Aug 11, 1962	
	Portland, OR	
4. Edna Marie Ives (insurance agent)	Apr 28, 1926	
m. May 31, 1947 at The Dalles, OR to	Bridgewater, SD	
Donald Wesley Slater (mgr.-Pacific N.W. Bell) son of Ernest	Feb 2, 1926	
Protestant & Alta (Hanson) Slater	West Portal, CO	
14911 N.E. Siskiyou Court, Portland, Ore. 97230		
a. Donald Arthur Slater (power co. sub-station operator)	Feb 28, 1948	
m. May 5, 1972 at Portland, OR to	The Dalles, OR	
Tamara J. Brown, dau. of Jack and Margorie (Bacon) Brown	Nov 29, 1951	
Protestant	Salem, OR	
(1) Joel David Slater	Sep 27, 1975	
	Portland, OR	
(2) Jay Michael Slater	Dec 26, 1978	
	Portland, OR	

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II. Joseph U. Yantzi BORN DIED  
 C. Mattie Magdelene Yantzi  
 4. Edna Marie Ives

- b. Frank Noel Slater (counselor-state juv. correct. inst.) Nov 30, 1950  
 m. May 31, 1980 at Portland, OR to The Dalles, OR  
 Laurel Brown, dau. of Meredyth and Dorothy (Began) Brown Oct 26, 1955  
 Protestant Portland, ORR  
 630 S.E. 18th, Portland, Ore. 97214
5. Kathleen Lavonne Ives May 25, 1927  
 m. Sept 3, 1948 at Bend, OR to Stanton, NE  
 Sam Eugene Henry (dir.-diesel tech. serv.) son of Joe C. and Aug 23, 1922  
 Presbyterian Mabel (McDaniel) Henry Bangs, TX  
 6426 Bonner Dr., Vancouver, Wash. 98665

Since our marriage in 1947, Omar and I (Elizabeth Ives Moffitt) have been engaged in agriculture. He was a sheepshearer when we first met and pursued that occupation until we were able to buy a ranch of our own. We lived in the Brothers area for about 20 years. For several years we had range land sheep, using herders to watch them. We moved camp for them every day and have many fascinating stories to tell about those days. Because of the predator losses, we sold the sheep and operated as a cattle ranch until we sold it two years ago. Our son, Ron, home from college and assisting us, decided to leave the ranch and we determined to sell rather than hire help. We now have a small 40-acre place here on the outskirts of Redmond and are raising a few head of sheep on the pasture. It is a different type of life. Sometimes we wonder how we found time to run a ranch as each day seems to be so full.

6. Elizabeth Louise (Betty Lou) Ives Nov 7, 1929  
 m. Aug 1, 1947 at Bend, OR to Fremont, NE  
 Omar LeRoy Moffitt (sheep, cattle rancher) son of Roy Emmett Aug 3, 1923  
 Presbyterian & Velma (Edwards) Moffitt Prineville, OR  
 280 S.W. 67th St., Redmond, Ore. 97756
- a. Roy Arthur Moffitt (police officer) Jul 14, 1948  
 m. Sept 13, 1968 at Redmond, OR to Bend, OR  
 Rebecca Ann Latta, dau. of Alonzo and Grace (Lantz) Latta Apr 25, 1948  
 Baptist Bend, OR  
 6343 W. Hwy 126, Redmond, Ore. 97756
- (1) Eric Roy Moffitt Mar 7, 1970  
 Redmond, OR
- (2) Levi Edward Moffitt May 9, 1973  
 Prineville, OR
- b. Ronald Archie Moffitt (engineer appraiser) Jun 21, 1950  
 m. June 24, 1973 at The Dalles, OR to Bend, OR  
 Pamela Kay Overman, dau. of George and T. LaVelle (Bolton) Jan 19, 1952  
 First Christian Church Overman The Dalles, OR  
 E. 12407 27th, Spokane, Wash. 99216
- (1) Kit Emmett Moffitt Mar 31, 1977  
 Bend, OR
- c. Marilyn Louise Moffitt (part-time receptionist) Oct 28, 1952  
 m. Aug 29, 1971 at Bend, OR to Bend, OR  
 Lewis Raymond Constable (meter reader/collector) Feb 10, 1950  
 son of Clayton and Nellie (Brock) Constable Bend, OR  
 United Methodist  
 P.O. Box 1006, Hines, Ore. 97738
- (1) Amanda Louise Constable May 12, 1975  
 Bend, OR
- (2) Clayton James Constable Jan 25, 1980  
 Bend, OR

D. Christian E. Yantzi was a Presbyterian Elder and active in the General Assembly. Chris and I worked in the post office at O'Neill. He was head clerk and I was a mail order clerk. Chris had had double pneumonia in the service and was on a disability pension three years before he died, but worked with the Credit Bureau. He died at 57 with heart trouble.  
 (by Edna Barnard Yantzi)

Chris and Edna and Chris's parents, Joseph and Catherine, are buried in the O'Neill cemetery in town.

CHRISTIAN B. AND MAGDALENA (ULRICH) YANTZI FAMILY

II. Joseph U. Yantzi

	BORN	DIED
D. Christian E. Yantzi (WWI veteran, family cream station worker, head clerk-post office, m. Oct 23, 1924 at Yankton, SD to Edna H. Barnard (mail order clerk-post office) dau. of Samuel and Flora (Chapin) Barnard Presbyterian O'Neill, Neb.)	Feb 4, 1897 Fulda, MN	Oct 3, 1953 O'Neill, NE
1. Margaret Jean Yantzi (adopted) m. to Virgil Metschke div. rm. to Robert L. Radcliffe 1025 So. 13th St., Kelso, Wash. 98626		Dec 25, 1931
a. Ronald Metschke		
b. Donald Metschke		
c. Roy Metschke		

CHRISTIAN U. AND ELIZABETH (ERB) YANTZIE

So far as is known, Christian U. is the only one of Christian and Magdalena's older sons who, after reaching maturity, did not work or live out of the state of Nebraska. He apparently did not join his brothers when they went to Minnesota to work during the summers. Among these brothers, Christian was son number three. Did he remain at home to help his father on the farm, or did he have other tasks and involvements?

Daughter Ida said that on the day of the blizzard, January 12, 1888, Christian was putting shingles on the roof of the church which was being built on land donated by his father. By holding on to the wire fence, he was able to get back home.

Christian had met Elizabeth Erb at parties in the community and their marriage in March, 1888 was one of the early weddings in the new church house. There was no resident bishop at O'Neill. Bishop Joseph Schlegel from Milford, Nebraska served this congregation. Thus when the bishop came, several couples would be married within several days. Christian's cousin, Joe Ernst, and Sarah Harris were married the day before Christian and Elizabeth.

Elizabeth's older sister, Katherine (Erb) Oesch, died in childbirth in January, 1888 and was to be buried the day of the blizzard. Some people were fortunate enough to be at home when the blizzard struck; others had to stay wherever they were, and some who were on the road perished.

As far as could be determined, Christian's first purchase of land in the O'Neill area was part of Section 33, Township 31 N., Range 12 W. (final receiver's receipt dated September 13, 1889). Christian and Elizabeth evidently lived here earlier, as Nancy Derickson says her father, Levi, was born in a "dug out" on this property in March, 1889. This farm later belonged to Levi.

Christian's next purchase was the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 3, T.30.N., R.12.W., warranty deed dated January 10, 1899. According to Nancy Derickson, the Christian U. Family eventually lived on this place.

The third purchase was Lots 14, 15, 16, Block I in O'Neill, Fahy's Park addition, warranty deed dated March 21, 1910. This was near the home of

## III. Christian U. Yantzie

Joseph U. Yantzi and may be the place where Levi and Kathryn lived for about 20 years.

Daughter Elizabeth (Yantzi) Scott, in consultation with her sisters, Ida Albrecht and Kathryn Mauel, wrote the following account of their family's many moves between O'Neill and Milford:

"My parents, as did many of our relatives of that day, moved many times back and forth between Holt County and Seward County. Levi, Menno and Anna were born in O'Neill in 1889, 1890 and 1892 respectively. Sometime after this, they no doubt went to Seward County and lived on a small farm near Milford, for Emmera was born in Milford in 1894 and died there in 1896. Ida remembers Mother telling about this farm.

Then Alvin, Ida and Kathryn were born in O'Neill in 1897, 1899 and 1902 respectively. Dad had a sunstroke about 1906 while on the farm in O'Neill, and because of the sun and the heat, they moved back to Milford where I was born in 1907. At various times in Milford, Dad had a creamery, did carpenter work, and managed a feed store. In 1907, when I was only weeks old (like two weeks), Dad got the "bug" to return to Holt County. I recall Mother telling the story of how Dad and the older children took the furniture and other belongings by horses and wagon, and she, Ida, maybe Alvin, Kate and I took the train from Lincoln. Bill Runty (Mrs. Runty was mother's niece) drove us to Lincoln and dropped us off at the Burlington Station. Too late, Mother realized she was at the wrong depot. So she, with the small children and a baby only a few weeks old, had to walk to the Union Pacific Station, which was probably about two miles!

I don't know how long we stayed on the farm in O'Neill, but I do have flashes of happenings there -- Mother in the kitchen in her long skirts, and my brother Al holding me in a certain chair by a certain kitchen window.

My next recalls are living in Grover, a subdivision of East Milford when I was between three and five years old. I started to kindergarten in the little country school there. We later moved into Milford proper. When I was in 7th grade (about 1920) we moved back to O'Neill for a brief time. Dad purchased a house and ground,<sup>1</sup> which he later sold to Levi. We returned to Milford where I was in school for my 8th grade through high school. From then on until death, Dad and Mother remained in Milford -- all in one stretch! Our home was at 320 4th Street (Lots 9 & 10, Block 1, Davison Culver Addition).

Dad did not sell the farm in O'Neill when he left it each time. He rented it out for many years. Levi looked after the farm and renters for Dad until it was sold, probably sometime in the 1940s. I can remember driving up for vacation and to check, usually twice a year. We had a large orchard on the farm. Coming back home to Milford, I can recall Kathryn and myself being surrounded in the back seat of Dad's Ford with gunny sacks of apples and crab apples."

Memories of these years, mostly with no attempt

<sup>1</sup>Lots 5 & 6, Block M, Fahy's Park Addition, O'Neill

to identify where they took place, are shared, first by Ida and then by Elizabeth:

"We attended the little church for which Grandfather gave the land, and my father was very active. He directed the singing and also conducted a singing class for young people on Sunday nights. I recall seeing a huge chart of notes on the wall which was used when learning a new song, as they had to sing by note first to learn the tune before using the words.

In 1932, Mother and Dad transferred their membership to the Evangelical United Brethren Church<sup>2</sup> in Milford. The only member of our immediate family who remained with the Mennonite Church was Menno, along with his wife Anna."

by Ida (Yantzie, Anderson) Albrecht

"Before the Amish Mennonite Church was built in Holt County, the people met in homes for worship. They would come in the morning and stay most of the day. The hosts would serve, not much variety of food, but lots of what they did serve, such as a big pot of beans, apple sauce and plenty of bread.

When Mother and Dad lived on the farm northwest of O'Neill, they seemed always to board and room the teachers who taught in their school district. Dad almost always served on the school board.

My dad was a very kind and compassionate man. As children, we may not have thought so, for he was a stern disciplinarian in our home. But he loved children. I could sit on his lap, rocking and not talking, seemingly for hours.

For his relatives and friends, and family too, he was always there when there was trouble or when help was needed. Everyone called for "Uncle Chris" or "Mr. Yantzie" for advice, for deaths and funerals or for making the sausage on butchering days. I can still see him -- sleeves rolled up, and up to his elbows mixing great quantities of ground meat in a huge container. He also loved to hunt and fish.

Dad always liked and wanted people around, especially the young folks. In their earlier days, it was nothing for Mother to bake eight to ten pies and several cakes to have on hand on a Sunday, for after church our place seemed to be the next meeting house. Mother worked, but Dad was in his glory!

My dad was very fond of music, especially singing. He had a good singing voice and sang going to and coming from work -- walking, of course. I could hear him coming home before I could see him. He led the Amish church in singing, using a pitch pipe to start each hymn. I still have a very vivid picture of that in my mind. Also on days of Communion, women sat on one side, the men on the other, washing each other's feet."<sup>3</sup>

by Elizabeth (Yantzi) Scott

<sup>2</sup>In 1968, this denomination merged with the Methodist Church to form the United Methodist Church.

<sup>3</sup>In the Amish Mennonite church, women always sat on one side and men on the other. At the end of the Communion service, the Amish Mennonites also observe the feet-washing ceremony, based on John 13:1-20.

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III. Christian U. Yantzie

"Recollections of Grandpa and Grandma Yantzie"  
by Donald Earl Anderson:

"Helping at the cream station in Milford  
Fishing with Grandpa on the Blue River  
Playing the pump organ in the back room  
Reading the old catalogues in the outhouse  
Visiting the Old Soldiers' Home in Milford  
Going to the Milford Cemetery on Memorial Day  
Swinging on the front porch  
Pumping water for the garden  
Watching Grandpa eat onions at every meal  
Grandpa lecturing about not planting a rose  
bush on Sunday (it never grew)  
Losing a discussion with Grandpa about evolution  
Going to the State Fair every Labor Day with  
Grandpa  
Going to the Evangelical Church  
Riding with Grandpa in his Model T. Ford  
Sliding down the tubular fire escape at the  
high school across the street  
Enjoying holiday dinners with aunts, uncles and  
cousins  
Eating Grandma's mulberry pie  
Taking my family to Milford to see the tornado  
destruction (long after Grandma had moved to  
Lincoln), and showing them where these  
recollections took place"

After Christian died in 1952, Elizabeth lived with Menno in Broken Bow, Nebraska, for several years, then in 1969 moved to Lincoln to be close to her three daughters. The Milford Times reported that over 160 friends and relatives attended the open house for the 100th birthday anniversary of Elizabeth. Five of her six children were present. Anna Wanger was not able to be there because of her health. Elizabeth received well over 100 cards, and the highlight of the day was a telegram from President and Mrs. Nixon. (from Milford Times, May 15, 1969)

In commemoration of her 101st birthday and impending open house at Milder Manor where she was living, she was interviewed by a Lincoln newspaper reporter. In response to a question about the most difficult thing she ever had to do, she replied, "Everything was hard -- working outdoors, spading, planting by hand. And even when you got awfully tired working and sat down to rest a minute, you didn't sit down without something in your lap to patch." A regular morning sound was of grinding coffee in a mill, she recalled. The coffee beans also were roasted at home.<sup>1</sup>

Elizabeth came with her parents from Canada when she was 11 years old. The family homesteaded, first near Milford, then moved to the O'Neill area. Their first house was dug out of a bank, with a roof over it but a dirt floor. Along with most families who came to Nebraska for cheap land, Elizabeth found both as a child and as an adult, that conquering the prairie, planting crops, battling the elements, building homes were all hard work.

When she died at 106, the newspaper obituary said she was possibly the oldest person in the state. Four of her children preceded her in death, Emmera in infancy, Levi in 1956, Menno in 1970 and Anna in 1971. Funeral services were held in the Milford United Methodist church where she was a member for fifty years. She and Christian are buried in the Milford Mennonite Cemetery.

<sup>1</sup>The Sun, Lincoln, Nebr., May 6, 1970

III. Christian U. Yantzie (farmer, mgr. feed store and cream station)  
m. Mar 6, 1888 at O'Neill, NE to  
Elizabeth Erb, dau. of Daniel and Margaret (Gingerich) Erb  
Mennonite; Evangelical United Brethren  
O'Neill; Milford, Neb.

BORN	DIED
Jan 5, 1867 Milverton, ON	Jan 29, 1952 Milford, NE
May 1, 1869 Huron Co., ON	Feb 29, 1976 Milford, NE
Mar 21, 1889 May 22, 1904	Jan 30, 1956 May 5, 1968
Sep 26, 1890 Jan 29, 1895	Feb 16, 1970 Oct 31, 1967
Oct 9, 1892 Oct 28, 1882	Oct 7, 1969 Apr 9, 1920
Aug 25, 1894	Apr 28, 1896
Feb 1, 1897 Aug 20, 1901 Jan 16, 1890	May 26, 1976 Apr 4, 1948 Jun 17, 1982
Sep 27, 1899 Oct 11, 1891 Nov 18, 1892	Jul 24, 1945 Feb 14, 1970
Jul 16, 1902	
Apr 4, 1896	Dec 24, 1968
Sep 16, 1907 Aug 6, 1905	

A. Levi E. Yantzi  
m. Feb 16, 1922 to Kathryn Leona Maring

B. Menno E. Yantzie  
m. Feb 11, 1914 to Anna Schweitzer

C. Anna Yantzie  
m. Sept 14, 1908 to Walter Ord Selby  
rm. ca.1951 to Clarence Wanger

D. Emmera E. Yantzi

E. Alvin E. Yantzie  
m. May 3, 1917 to Bessie Hickerson  
rm. to Nora Saunders

F. Ida Minerva Yantzie  
m. Nov 1, 1916 to John Martin Anderson  
rm. Oct 18, 1950 to William T. Albrecht

G. Kathryn Yantzie  
m. to C. E. Hadden  
rm. June 1, 1936 to Joseph A. Mauel

H. Elizabeth (Betty) Yantzi  
m. May 28, 1931 to Seth Shelley Scott



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	BORN	DIED
III. Christian U. Yantzie		
A. Levi E. Yantzi		
3. William Eugene Yantzi		
a. Peggy Lee Yantzi		
(2) Lori Christine Wood	Apr 21, 1976	
	U.S.A.F.	
	Academy, CO	
b. Steven James Yantzi (U.S. Forest Service)	Nov 17, 1952	
m. June 4, 1977 at Sidney, NE to	Chadron, NE	
Cynthia Elaine Studnicka (teacher) dau. of Lumir Paul &	Apr 20, 1954	
Roman Catholic                      Ella Margaret (Schlaman) Studnicka	Sidney, NE	
406 Ridgeview Rd., Chadron, Neb. 69337		
(1) Lindsay Kathryn Yantzi	Jun 19, 1978	
	Chadron, NE	
4. Nancy Lee Yantzi (legal secretary)	June 8, 1932	
m. Oct 22, 1951 at O'Neill, NE to	O'Neill, NE	
Sammie Derickson (rancher, PR dir.-Rural Elec.Coop.) son of	June 5, 1932	
Roman Catholic                      Wm & Cecile (Throckmorton) Derickson	Dorsey, NE	
320 North 6th St., O'Neill, Neb. 68763		
a. Russel Dean Derickson (procurement spec.-Eng. Equip.)	Aug 12, 1952	
m. Mar 28, 1980 at St. Thomas More Parish, Tulsa, OK to	O'Neill, NE	
Jackie Sue Mason (secretary) dau. of Jack & Betty (Marney)	Jun 22, 1955	
Roman Catholic                      Mason Tulsa, OK		
1518 Melrose, Garland, Tex. 75042		
b. Craig Richard Derickson (ass't mgr.-univ. agronomy dept.)	Jul 25, 1955	
m. May 27, 1977 at O'Neill, NE to	O'Neill, NE	
Kathryn Marie Mattern (univ. teacher) dau. of William S.	Feb 14, 1956	
Roman Catholic                      & Marilyn (Kalin) Mattern	O'Neill, NE	
4837 Leighton St., Lincoln, Neb. 68504		
(1) Madeline Leigh Derickson	May 21, 1981	
	Lincoln, NE	
c. Mark Eugene Derickson (heavy equipment operator)	May 28, 1959	
m. Sept 1, 1979 at O'Neill, NE to	O'Neill, NE	
Ruth Ann Krupski (accountant) dau. of John P. & Lorraine	Nov 29, 1958	
Roman Catholic                      (Burghart) Krupski, Jr. Gr.Island, NE		
127 N. 9th, Apt. #4, O'Neill, Neb. 68763		

Menno E. Yantzie was a farmer and rancher most of his life. After retiring from the ranch, he and Anna moved to Broken Bow, Nebraska, where Menno worked for the school system as custodian for several years in the public schools. Then he was caretaker for a doctor, doing his yard work.

After our mother's death, Dad moved in with our brother, Homer, and continued to stay active by working in Homer's Western Wear Store and going with my brother to hunt coyotes with the pick-up. He dearly loved to get out this way, even though all he did was ride along. In fact, the day he died, he opened up the store, then he and my brother took off to hunt. They had stopped in a little town for lunch and had just started out, and he slumped over and was gone. He was 79 years old.

Dad and Mother were both faithful members of the Mennonite Church. He was a slight-built, quiet-type man, well liked by old and young, especially those kids in the school. He was very reluctant to lead out in anything, but never refused to lead church singing or read scripture references in Bible study. Mother was a Sunday school teacher for years and years.

They started their married life on the old homestead in O'Neill, Nebraska. A baby, Sylvia Ione, was born there, lived only four months, and is buried in the Mennonite cemetery. Then they moved to Dorchester, where most of the children were born. Marian was born at Beaver Crossing in 1929, and Bobby, who lived only 13 months, was born in Milford in 1932.

(by Ruby Yantzie Burkey)

B. Menno E. Yantzie (farmer, rancher, custodian)	Sep 26, 1890	Feb 16, 1970
m. Feb 11, 1914 at Milford, NE to	O'Neill, NE	Broken Bow, NE
Anna Schweitzer, dau. of Christian and Mary (Erb) Schweitzer	Jan 29, 1895	Oct 31, 1967
Mennonite	Milford, NE	Broken Bow, NE
O'Neill; Dorchester, Neb.; Miller, S.D.; Milford; Broken Bow, Neb.		
1. Sylvia Ione Yantzie	Jan 12, 1915	May 13, 1915
	O'Neill, NE	Mennonite Cem.
		O'Neill, NE
2. Ruby Evelyn Yantzie (bookkeeper)	July 4, 1916	
m. Oct 15, 1933 at Milford, NE to	Dorchester, NE	
Irvin Clifford Burkey (mgr.-radio broad.) son of Peter and	Sep 20, 1912	
Mennonite; Amer. Baptist                      Phoebe (Schertz) Burkey	Milford, NE	
622 Cherry Ave., Broken Bow, Neb. 68822		

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III. Christian U. Yantzie	BORN	DIED
B. Menno E. Yantzie		
2. Ruby Evelyn Yantzie		
a. Evelyn Jean Burkey (cafe manager)	Aug 13, 1934	
m. Aug 3, 1956 at Pierre, SD to	Milford, NE	
Dallas Harrison (hous. dir.-gov't Indian school) son of	Jul 22, 1935	
Roman Catholic Richard & Clara (Fallas) Harrison	Pierre, SD	
Ft. Thompson, S.D. 57350		
(1) Russel Lee Harrison (student)	May 5, 1958	
m. July 14, 1979 at Himore, SD to	Pierre, SD	
La Rita Kuper, dau. of George and Ella (Palmer) Kuper	Nov 19, 1958	
Roman Catholic	Miller, SD	
Tamarak Apartments, Apt. 1, Huron, S.D. 57350		
(a) Derrick Dallas Harrison	Nov 4, 1979	
	Huron, SD	
(b) Brandon George Harrison	May 11, 1982	
(2) Wanda Lee Harrison	Sept 7, 1959	
m. Sept 23, 1978 at Pierre, SD to	Pierre, SD	
Richie Vrooman (rancher) son of Ralph & Rosalie (Wall)	Jun 20, 1957	
div. Vrooman	EagleButte, SD	
Roman Catholic		
Ft. Thompson, S.D.		
(a) Leah Ann Vrooman	Jun 20, 1980	
(b) Cory Russel Vrooman	Oct 10, 1981	
b. Clifford Allen Burkey (maintenance eng.-school system)	Jan 4, 1936	
m. Oct 4, 1959 at Sioux City, IA to	Milford, NE	
Betty Milburn, dau. of Willie & Emma (Lamb) Milburn	Feb 16, 1937	
div. Lebanon, KY		
rm. Dec 9, 1980 to Peggy Humbert, dau. of Mary Humbert		
Versailles, Ind.		
(1) Tami Annette Burkey (with her mother)	Jul 21, 1968	
Cincinnati, Ohio	Cincinnati, OH	
c. Phyllis Mae Burkey	Dec 23, 1936	
m. Sept 11, 1955 at Broken Bow, NE to	Milford, NE	
Hugh Eugene Campbell (clergyman) son of Earl E. and Ann	Mar 4, 1931	
Assembly of God (Goss) Campbell	Taylor, NE	
1423 Florida Ave., York, Neb. 68467		
(1) Pamela Rae Campbell (bookkeeper)	Jan 4, 1957	
m. Aug 8, 1975 at Bridgeport, NE to	Sargent, NE	
Bruce Riddle (railroad worker) son of Dwaine and Jean	Apr 19, 1955	
Assembly of God (Anderson) Riddle	Bridgeport, NE	
Box 398, Bridgeport, Neb. 69336		
(a) Holly Jean Riddle	Jul 30, 1976	
	Bridgeport, NE	
(b) Byron Lee Riddle	Jul 10, 1981	
	Bridgeport, NE	
(2) Earl Eugene Campbell (construction worker)	Apr 29, 1959	
Assembly of God	Sargent, NE	
Route 4, Box 68, Scottsbluff, Neb. 69461		
3. Arvilla Louise Yantzie (clerical)	Apr 1, 1919	
m. June 11, 1938 at Kingston, MO to	Dorchester, NE	
Kenneth Thompson Miller (head custodian of Milford schools)	Jan 22, 1915	
son of Roy and Nellie (Thompson) Miller	Dorchester, NE	
Assembly of God		
Box 105, Milford, Neb. 68405		
a. Virginia Ann Miller	Mar 4, 1939	Aug 24, 1971
m. Mar 21, 1959 at Milford, NE to	Friend, NE	Blue Mound Cem.
Ronald R. Williams (pilot, N.A.S.A., served in U.S. Air	Dec 8, 1934	Milford, NE
Force) son of Melvern and Patricia (Nickodam) Williams	Milford, NE	
Ronald rm. to Patricia Thurman		
Lutheran		
104 Hepplewhite Court, Los Gatos, Cal. 95030		
(1) Rhonda Sue Williams	July 8, 1960	
Baptist	Slayton, MN	
705 - 5th St., Milford, Neb. 68405		

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	BORN	DIED
III. Christian U. Yantzie		
B. Menno E. Yantzie		
3. Arvilla Louise Yantzie		
a. Virginia Ann Miller		
(2) Melanie Ann Williams Assembly of God 705 - 5th St., Milford, Neb. 68405	Jul 26, 1963 Sacramento, CA	
b. Richard Roy Miller (quality control foreman)	Dec 27, 1940 Broken Bow, NE	
m. Dec 2, 1960 at Minden, NE to Jane Hand (elem. teacher's aide) dau. of Harold Chapin & Methodist Dorothy May (Ritchie) Hand 1327 Eastridge, Seward, Neb. 68434	Jan 18, 1943 Seward, NE	
(1) Kristine Kay Miller	June 1, 1961 Seward, NE	
m. June 6, 1981 at Methodist Church, Seward, NE to Randall Joseph Chapp, son of Roger & Clarice (Thomas) 332 East Lincoln, Seward, Neb. 68434	Chapp	
(2) Kathlene Kay Miller	Mar 15, 1964 Seward, NE	
(3) Michael Richard Miller	Mar 27, 1967 Seward, NE	
(4) Markus Richard Miller	Aug 6, 1971 Seward, NE	
c. James L. Miller (teacher, coach)	Jun 11, 1950 Friend, NE	
m. Apr 20, 1979 at Omaha, NE to Maureen Neary (volunteer coord.) son of John & Colleen Roman Catholic (Brennan) Neary	Oct 3, 1952 Carroll, IA	
4. Homer Dale Yantzie (owner-Western Wear Store)	Mar 20, 1921 Dorchester, NE	
m. Nov 25, 1940 at Davenport, IA to Helen Irene Cox, dau. of Roy and Pauline (Shirkey) Cox Mennonite 1356 South G St., Broken Box, Neb. 68822	Dec 20, 1920 Broken Bow, NE	
a. Mildred Irene Yantzie	Aug 28, 1941 Broken Bow, NE	Aug 28, 1941 Broken Bow, NE
b. Eleanor Jean Yantzie (bookkeeper, salesperson)	Oct 9, 1942 Broken Bow, NE	
m. Jul 29, 1961 at Broken Bow, NE to Allen R. Eggleston (rancher) son of Theodore and Marie First Presbyterian (Oxford) Eggleston Callaway Star Rt., Broken Bow, Neb. 68822	Aug 18, 1933 Callaway, NE	
(1) Mitchell Ray Eggleston	Nov 18, 1961 Broken Box, NE	Nov 18, 1961 Broken Bow, NE
(2) Leslie Jo Eggleston	Jan 25, 1963 Broken Bow, NE	
(3) Mark Dale Eggleston	Oct 7, 1964 Broken Bow, NE	
(4) Matthew Wade Eggleston	Jan 6, 1970 Broken Bow, NE	
c. Larry Dale Yantzie (city maintenance)	Apr 20, 1944 Broken Bow, NE	
m. July 8, 1965 at Broken Bow, NE to Gerry Gwen Neuman (sec.-bookkeeper) dau. of Clarence and Protestant Dorothy (Ballard) Neuman 1356 South G Street, Broken Bow, Neb. 68822	Mar 2, 1949 Lincoln, NE	
(1) Douglas Myron Yantzie	Oct 3, 1969 Broken Bow, NE	
(2) Daniel Paul Yantzie	Nov 29, 1970 Broken Bow, NE	
(3) Amy Lynn Yantzie	Jan 13, 1974 Broken Bow, NE	
d. Linda Louise Yantzie (clerk)	Oct 12, 1946 Broken Bow, NE	
m. Jan 8, 1966 at Broken Bow, NE to Ronald Lee Kratzer (auto mech.) son of Paul & Thelma Ione 1800 South G St., Broken Bow, Neb. 68822 (Bell) Kratzer	Jan 6, 1944 Lexington, NE	
(1) Scott Alan Kratzer	Aug 20, 1968 Gr. Island, NE	

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III. Christian U. Yantzie		
B. Menno E. Yantzie		
4. Homer Dale Yantzie		
d. Linda Louise Yantzie		
(2) Brett Travis Kratzer	Mar 3, 1971	
	Gr.Island, NE	
e. Judith Ann Yantzie	Sept 4, 1947	
m. June 28, 1966 at Broken Bow, NE to	Broken Bow, NE	
Michael Dee Diefenbaugh (tire dealer) son of Junior and	Oct 15, 1945	
Protestant	Wila (Crone) Diefenbaugh	Dunning, NE
Merna, Neb.		
(1) Misti Ann Diefenbaugh	Feb 8, 1968	
	Callaway, NE	
(2) Michelle Lee Diefenbaugh	Mar 7, 1970	
	Callaway, NE	
(3) Kristi Jo Diefenbaugh	Apr 27, 1971	
	Callaway, NE	
(4) Kyle Dee Diefenbaugh	Oct 29, 1972	
	Callaway, NE	
f. Robert Eugene Yantzie (owner-Western Wear Store)	Oct 10, 1948	
m. May 15, 1972 at Broken Bow, NE to	Broken Bow, NE	
Linda Peters McKimney (bookkeeper) dau. of Gordon S. and	Apr 29, 1949	
Protestant	Frankie E. (Strohl) Peters	Sargent, NE
Linda was formerly m. Jan 30, 1965 to		
James McKimney, div. Jan, 1969.		
1740 South G St., Broken Bow, Neb. 68822		
(1) Stepanie Dawn Yantzie (adopted)	Aug 30, 1965	
	Burwell, NE	
(2) Timothy Paul Yantzie	Oct 31, 1971	
	Burwell, NE	
(3) Marty Lynn Yantzie	Jan 7, 1975	
	Broken Bow, NE	
5. Earl Raymond Yantzie (self-empl.-sells livestock equipment)	Sep 26, 1923	
m. Dec 24, 1950 at Broken Bow, NE to	Dorchester, NE	
Norma Lee Lorenzen (head cook-high school) dau. of Rudolf &	Feb 27, 1931	
Mennonite	Ellen Nora (Kamard) Lorenzen	Sargent, NE
624 Sioux Ave., Broken Bow, Neb. 68822		
a. Patricia Ann Yantzie	June 8, 1952	
m. Oct 5, 1972 at Broken Bow, NE to	Broken Bow, NE	
Thomas Joseph Hamilton (cattle rancher) son of Gail and	Jul 25, 1947	
Mennonite	Mini Mary (Hardy) Hamilton	Thedford, NE
North R.R., Thedford, Neb. 69166		
(1) Shannon Lynn Hamilton	Apr 11, 1973	
	Broken Bow, NE	
(2) Lacy Marie Hamilton	Jan 22, 1976	
	Broken Bow, NE	
b. Michael Earl Yantzie (truck driver)	Nov 16, 1955	
m. June 20, 1975 at Arcadia, NE to	Broken Bow, NE	
Kally Kay Leach, dau. of Laddie and Arline (Lybarger)	Oct 10, 1957	
Presbyterian	Leach	Linton, ND
Rt.1, Box 60, Broken Bow, Neb. 68822		
(1) Mindy Kay Yantzie	Aug 8, 1977	
	Lexington, NE	
(2) Milisa Ann Yantzie	Jul 25, 1979	
	Broken Bow, NE	
c. Cheryl Jean Yantzie	Nov 11, 1958	
m. Feb 24, 1979 at Broken Bow, NE to	Broken Bow, NE	
Randy Eugene Pflaster (empl.-Bernie & Yantzie-farm supp.)	May 12, 1953	
son of Vern and Jane (Kepler) Pflaster	Broken Bow, NE	
Presbyterian		
Anselmo, Neb.		
(1) Jeffery Joe Pflaster (adopted by Randy, May 27, 1980)	Jun 21, 1977	
	Broken Bow, NE	
(2) Jared Michael Pflaster	May 12, 1980	
	Broken Bow, NE	

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III. Christian U. Yantzie B. Menno E. Yantzie	BORN	DIED
6. Richard Lyle Yantzie (corp. owner/operator-radio station) m. Sept 2, 1950 at Malvern, IA to Luella Shafer, dau. of Harold & Verna Evans (Hannum) Shafer Presbyterian Box 409, Broken Bow, Neb. 68822	Mar 29, 1926 Dorchester, NE Jun 10, 1931 Omaha, NE	
a. Diann Renee Yantzie m. Jan 10, 1972 at Kearney, NE to John Nowak (Kent. Fried Chick.) son of John and Delores Roman Catholic (Jurzenski) Nowak 120 N. Burns, Rt. 2, Box 299, Independence, Kan. 67301	Feb 4, 1952 Central City, NE Sep 27, 1948 Greeley, NE	
(1) John Richard Nowak	Jul 30, 1972 Maryville, MO	
(2) Renee Marie Nowak	Dec 28, 1976 Independ., KS	
b. Karen Kay Yantzie (nurse) Presbyterian 3527 Allendale, Lincoln, Neb. 68516	May 25, 1955 Broken Bow, NE	
c. Lori Jo Yantzie m. to Gary Heilbrun	Sep 12, 1960 Broken Bow, NE	
(1) Joshua Heilbrun	Sep 23, 1980	
(2) Janelle Heilbrun (twins)	Sep 23, 1980	
7. Wilma Mae Yantzie	May 28, 1928 Dorchester, NE	Jun 18, 1928 Beav. Cross., NE
8. Marian Elaine Yantzie (bookkeeper) m. Mar 7, 1948 at Broken Bow, NE to John M. Birnie (whole sale distr.-farm supp.) son of Robert Presbyterian & Grace Emma (Eggleston) Birnie Box 223, Broken Bow, Neb. 68822	Sep 20, 1929 Beav. Cross., NE Sep 17, 1923 Custer Co., NE	
a. Roberta Ann Birnie m. Dec 7, 1969 at Presbyterian Church, Broken Bow, to Rodney Olson (heat. & air condit.) son of Leroy & Bertha First Christian (Birdie, Kruse) Olson R.#1, Box 12, Broken Bow, Neb. 68822	June 8, 1950 Broken Bow, NE Sep 14, 1949 Custer Co., NE	
(1) Jennifer Anne Olson	Oct 19, 1971 Callaway, NE	
(2) Janel Renee Olson	Aug 23, 1974 Broken Bow, NE	
(3) Jilleen Suzanne Olson	Dec 1, 1975 Longmont, CO	
b. David Jay Birnie (radio) m. Sep 28, 1970 at Kearney, NE to Karen Joan Knight (secretary) dau. of George and Ellen Presbyterian/Roman Catholic (Ryan) Knight 1137 South G St., Broken Bow, Neb. 68822	Oct 15, 1953 Broken Bow, NE Aug 20, 1953 Broken Bow, NE	
(1) Christian David Birnie	Apr 17, 1971 Broken Bow, NE	
(2) Paul Knight Birnie	Apr 16, 1975	
c. Timothy John Birnie (factory worker) m. July 10, 1976 at Broken Bow, NE to Cynthia Jean Marcellus (clerk) dau. of Billie and Betty Protestant (Williamson) Marcellus 500 S. Harrison St., Lexington, Neb. 68850	Mar 26, 1957 Broken Bow, NE Jun 15, 1957 O'Neill, NE	
(1) Marti Jo Birnie	Apr 4, 1977 Broken Bow, NE	Jun 21, 1977 Broken Bow, NE
(2) Joel Robert Birnie	Sept 2, 1978 Lexington, NE	
(3) Sonny Eugene Birnie	Apr 15, 1981 Lexington, NE	
9. Bobby Yantzie	1932 Milford, NE	1933 Milford, NE

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III. Christian U. Yantzie  
C. Anna Yantzie

Happy memories of my childhood are when every Sunday afternoon Mother, Dad and I would walk to "Anna and Walt's," and always for supper Anna would serve home-canned peaches and chocolate cake. Maude and I were great pals in those days. This was before World War I, for I remember Dad and Walt always seemed to talk about war. I know nothing about Walter's family prior to his marrying Anna. His first wife's name was Myrtle, hence, Maude's middle name was Myrtle.

Perhaps Walter's occupation of drayman in the twenties at Milford needs some explanation. Today there would be a more sophisticated name for it. Anyway, Walter had a horse-drawn, truck-like wagon and met all of the trains. He delivered mail to the post office and all freight merchandise. All I can remember is that he carried a large broom in his wagon to keep it swept clean. What else or where else he delivered I don't know, but he was a well-liked Milford business man. He held offices in the town business, Odd Fellows and so forth. He was a great person. My parents liked him very much and he and my dad had great rapport. I was quite young when Walt passed away.

After Walt died, Anna and children moved around quite a lot. Maude, as I remember, was such a good little mother to both Hazel and Everett. She adored them. Anna remarried to Clarence Wanger and while on a trip through the northwest in the spring of 1956, we visited them in Portland, Oregon. At that time Clarence was retired. I recall he had a daughter, but I have no knowledge of his life or family.

Seth and I were in Europe when Anna passed away. Many times I had wished to visit her grave site; so in March, 1980, while in California, we did go to Rose Hills Memorial Park, just outside of Los Angeles, close to Alhambra. The address is 3900 S. Warkman Mill Road, Whittier, California. It is in a most beautiful setting -- high on a hill, overlooking the cities. Hazel, Anna's daughter, is buried there too.

By Elizabeth (Yantzi) Scott

C. Anna Yantzie

m. Sep 14, 1908 at Milford, NE to  
Walter Ord Selby (drayman)  
(Maude was Walter's dau. by a previous marriage)  
rm. ca. 1951 to  
Clarence Wanger  
Methodist  
Milford, Neb.; Portland, Ore.; Alhambra, Cal.

1. Maude Myrtle Selby (co-owner-cafe)  
m. to  
Clair Robison  
United Presbyterian  
Lincoln, Neb.

a. Ronald James Robison  
Lincoln, Neb.

b. Dolores Elaine (Robison) Firebaugh  
Papillion, Neb.

c. Phyllis June (Robison) York  
Arlington, Tex.

2. Hazel May Selby (secretary)  
m. Apr 11, 1934 at Madison, NE to  
Carl Detlef Arp, son of Charles and Katherine (Kahl) Arp  
Lutheran  
Carl rm. Oct 7, 1968 to Dorothy (Hook) Nassen  
10217 N.E. 27th Circle, Vancouver, Wash. 98662

a. Richard Ray Arp (carpenter, retail sales, business)  
m. June 1, 1957 at Goldendale, WA to  
Marjorie Rosetta Allyn, dau. of Cecil V. and Frances L.  
(Korthase) Allyn  
805 Fairgrounds Road, Goldendale, Wash. 98620

(1) Cindy Kay Arp

(2) Randy Ray Arp

(3) Dale Allyn Arp

BORN

Oct 9, 1892  
O'Neill, NE  
Oct 28, 1882

DIED

Oct 7, 1969  
Alhambra, CA  
Apr 9, 1920  
Milford, NE

July 1, 1005  
Milford, NE

Sept 6, 1979  
Lincoln, NE  
1979  
Lincoln, NE

Feb 22, 1915  
Milford, NE  
Apr 21, 1911  
Thurston, NE

May 18, 1968  
Rose Hills,  
Alhambra, CA

Jan 25, 1935  
Omaha, NE  
Oct 19, 1939  
Goldendale, WA

Jul 21, 1961  
Goldendale, WA

Jun 14, 1963  
Goldendale, WA

Nov 3, 1964  
Goldendale, WA

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III. Christian U. Yantzie	BORN	DIED
C. Anna Yantzie		
2. Hazel May Selby		
b. Janet Marie Arp (bakery sales clerk)	Aug 25, 1937	
m. Sept 17, 1955 at Camas, WA to	Omaha, NE	
Donald L. Boone (pressman-Crown Zellerbach) son of Daniel	Jan 17, 1935	
Assembly of God & Faye (Comstock) Boone	Superior, NE	
2811 S.E. 244th Ave., Camas, Wash. 98607		
(1) Calleen K. Boone	Jul 15, 1955	
m. and div.	Vancouver, WA	
(2) Diane M. Boone	Mar 25, 1959	
	Vancouver, WA	
(3) Debra A. Boone	Apr 17, 1963	
	Vancouver, WA	
c. Robert Carl Arp (nursery business)	Aug 3, 1939	
m. to Barbara Gayle Mead	Omaha, NE	
rm. July 3, 1977 at Bonita, CA to		
Yolanda Diaz, dau. of Emilio and Maria (Santana) Diaz	Dec 14, 1947	
Yolanda was previously m. to Miguel Bernal	Los Angeles, CA	
Lutheran		
81 E. Mankato St., Chula Vista, Cal. 92010		
(1) Susan Diane Arp	Jul 26, 1968	
	Orange, CA	
(2) Christine Vivian Arp	Aug 23, 1978	
	Chula Vista, CA	
d. Carol Irene Arp (reg. nurse)	May 1, 1943	
m. Feb 3, 1961 at El Monte, CA to	Hollywood, CA	
John James Moltrum (carp./constr.) son of J. Nicholas and	Sep 24, 1941	
Pentecostal Ruth (Oosten) Moltrum	Blue Island, IL	
P.O. Box 600, Goldendale, Wash. 98620		
(1) Ray Allen Moltrum	Nov 5, 1963	
	S. Gabriel, CA	
(2) Angela Rae Moltrum	May 27, 1966	
	S. Gabriel, CA	
(3) Charles Andrew Moltrum	May 6, 1968	
	Vancouver, WA	
3. Everett Lloyd Selby (skilled motor co. worker)	Mar 22, 1918	
rm. at Flint, MI to	Milford, NE	
Norma H. Homer (A.C. Spark Plug empl.) dau. of William and	Jan 2, 1926	
Methodist Helen (Howey) Homer	Royal Oak, MI	
3737 Holly Ave., Flint, Mich. 48506		
a. Douglas Michael Selby (auto plant employee)	Dec 12, 1946	
m. July 15, 1972 at Flint, MI to	Flint, MI	
Lana Turner (tel. co. supervisor) dau. of Kenneth & Mary	Jun 18, 1948	
Catholic (Smith) Turner	Flint, MI	
5132 East Court St., Burton, Mich. 48509		
b. Deborah Kay Selby (wildlife management)	Feb 16, 1953	
m. May 27, 1971 at San Diego, CA to	Flint, MI	
John A. Poirier (policeman) son of Armand and Marian	Jul 24, 1945	
div. Sep 18, 1980 (Pursell) Poirier	Flint, MI	
Roman Catholic		
1763 Sue Way, Sparks, Nev. 89431		
D. Emmera E. Yantzi	Aug 25, 1894	Apr 28, 1896
	Milford, NE	E. Fairview, Milford, NE
E. Alvin E. Yantzie (laundry employee)	Feb 1, 1897	May 26, 1976
m. May 3, 1917 at Milford, NE to	O'Neill, NE	Berkeley, CA
Bessie Hickerson, dau. of Thomas and Minney (Johnes) Hickerson	Aug 20, 1901	Apr 4, 1948
rm. to		Milford, NE
Nora Saunders	Jan 16, 1890	Jun 17, 1982
Baptist		Sunset Mausol., Berkeley, CA
Walnut Creek, Cal.		

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	BORN	DIED
III. Christian U. Yantzie		
E. Alvin E. Yantzie		
i. Alvin E. Yantzie, Jr. (grocery employee)	Jun 14, 1918	
m. Feb 1, 1937 in Lincoln, NE to	Milford, NE	
Alvina Last		
div. in 1943 in Las Vegas, NV		
rm. Oct 1, 1961 at Las Vegas, NV to	Oct 21, 1919	
Ruth Tanahill, dau. of Wesley Tanahill	Oklahoma	
Baptist		
3207 L Street, Sacramento, Cal. 95816		
a. Dennis E. Yantzie	Feb 15, 1938	
	Falls City, NE	
b. Terry B. Yantzie	Apr 26, 1962	
	Hollywood, CA	
c. Chyryl M. Yantzie	May 2, 1964	
	Sacramento, CA	
F. Ida Minerva Yantzie	Sep 27, 1899	
m. Nov 1, 1916 at Seward, NE to	O'Neill, NE	
John Martin Anderson (salesman) son of Lora Peter and Marie	Oct 11, 1891	Jul 24, 1945
(Andersen) Anderson	Milford, NE	Memorial Park, Lincoln, NE
rm. Oct 18, 1950 at Lincoln, NE to		
William T. Albrecht (railroad pass. agent) son of Joseph & Marie	Nov 18, 1892	Feb 14, 1970
Congregational	(Milkaupt) Albrecht	Lincoln, NE
945 Piedmont Road, Lincoln, Neb. 68510		Cremation
1. Donald Earl Anderson (Ex. officer-State Allocation Bd.-CA)	May 1, 1918	
m. Jun 15, 1941 at Lincoln, NE to	Lincoln, NE	
Elaine W. Jordan, dau. of Clayton W. and Louise (Sinamark)	May 14, 1920	
Presbyterian	Jordan	Lincoln, NE
6889 N. Tranquility St., Sacramento, Cal. 95823		
a. Donald Alan Anderson (electronic engineer)	Oct 22, 1947	
m. Nov 10, 1973 at Sunnymead, CA to	Lincoln, NE	
Alice M. Sigmon, dau. of Armard T. and Betty (Rogers)	Dec 31, 1949	
Brethren	Sigmon	Faye-ville, AR
2972 Tigertail Dr., Los Alamitos, Cal. 90720		
(1) Julie Ann Anderson	b. in Long Beach, CA	May 2, 1979
(2) Donald David Anderson	b. in Alamitos, CA	Aug 27, 1982
b. Sharon Kay Anderson (programmer analyst)	Oct 2, 1949	
m. June 19, 1976 at Los Alamitos, CA to	Pasadena, CA	
Walter W. Matyskiela, Jr. (research analyst)	Nov 3, 1946	
son of Walter W. and Ann (Lasowicki) Matyskiela, Sr.	Hartford, CT	
Presbyterian		
16625 Marquez Terrace, Pacific Palisades, Cal. 90272		
(1) Mary Ellen Matyskiela	Jan 1, 1980	
	Santa Monica, CA	
2. Carroll Lea Anderson (ass't V. Pres.-Insurance Co.)	Mar 23, 1924	
Roman Catholic	Lincoln, NE	
9728 Cady Ave., Omaha, Neb. 68134		
G. Kathryn Yantzie	Jul 16, 1902	
m. at Seward, NE to	O'Neill, NE	
C. E. Hadden		
rm. June 1, 1936 at Madison, NE to		
Joseph A. Mauel (postal clerk) son of Joseph & Elizabeth	Apr 4, 1896	Dec 24, 1968
(Link) Mauel	Milford, NE	
1845 Garfield St., Lincoln, Neb. 68502		
1. Kenneth M. Hadden (twin to Keith)	May 6, 1926	Jan 2, 1934
	Milford, NE	Milford, NE
2. Keith M. Hadden (plasterer)	May 6, 1926	
m. at Geneva, NE to	Milford, NE	
Mary Grote	Sept 9, 1925	
div.	Geneva, NE	
rm. Oct 16, 1974 at Las Vegas, NV to		
Naomi Williamson		
662 South Washington, Denver, Colo. 80209		

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	BORN	DIED
III. Christian U. Yantzie		
G. Kathryn Yantzie		
2. Keith M. Hadden		
a. John Charles Hadden (retail manager)	May 29, 1947	
m. Jan 14, 1974 at Denver, CO to	Lincoln, NE	
Trudy Lyn McAfee, dau. of Ivan and Shirley (Anderson)	Jun 19, 1952	
912 Major Ave., Henderson, Nev. 89015	McAfee, Jr. Warren, OH	
(1) Jennifer Charlotte Hadden	Jan 17, 1976	
	Englewood, CO	
b. Judith Anne Hadden	Nov 1, 1951	
m. June 17, 1970 at Kearney, NE to	Lincoln, NE	
Alan Lichti (railroad empl.) son of Albert and Marian	Oct 29, 1951	
Mennonite	(Cornell) Lichti	Geneva, NE
div. Jan 27, 1977		
rm. Nov 25, 1978 at Clay Center, NE to		
Edward G. Barnes (farmer) son of Jesse & Bernece (Dunkel)	Feb 13, 1949	
Christian Church, Clay Center	Barnes	ClayCenter, NE
R.R.1, Box 1A, Clay Center, Neb. 68933		
(1) Christina Louise Barnes (adopted by Edward Barnes	Oct 19, 1970	
Sept 1, 1979)	Kearney, NE	
(2) Brent Alan Barnes	Jul 30, 1972	
	Kearney, NE	
H. Elizabeth (Betty) Yantzi (teacher-home ec./st. & co. welfare wk)	Sep 16, 1907	
m. May 28, 1931 at Milford, NE to	Milford, NE	
Seth Shelley Scott (owner/oper.-2 roller skating rinks)	Aug 6, 1905	
son of Clifford Isaiah and Olive Blanche (Shelley) Scott	Youngstown, OH	
First Plymouth Congregational Church		
1544 East Manor Dr., Lincoln, Neb. 68506		
1. Shirley Jean Scott	June 7, 1934	
m. Dec 27, 1956 at Lincoln, NE to	Lincoln, NE	
Dick Hamilton Hartsock (attorney at law)	Dec 5, 1932	
son of William Maxwell and Lola Luella (Cram) Hartsock	Fremont, NE	
First Plymouth Congregational Church		
7420 South Hampton Road, Lincoln, Neb. 68506		
a. Robert Douglas Hartsock (twin) (student)	Jan 24, 1959	
	Lincoln, NE	
b. William David Hartsock (twin) (student)	Jan 24, 1959	
	Lincoln, NE	
c. James Richard Hartsock	Jul 21, 1961	
	Memphis, TN	
d. Thomas Scott Hartsock	Sept 5, 1963	
	Lincoln, NE	

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NICHOLAS U. AND SUSIE (JAUSI) JANTZI

To the children in the Christian B. Yantzi family, it must have seemed at times as if there were really two families, the first five sons being the first. In this group, Nicholas was fourth and shared in some of the brothers' trips to Minnesota to work.

When Nicholas was 32, he and Susie Jausi were married.<sup>1</sup> He died of a heart attack at age 41. He was not a well man. His daughter, Maude Harling tells something of the early life of this family:

"I cannot remember my father being a well man. I must have been about six and Roman two when we moved to a small house on the outskirts of Milford. It was a cheery home regardless of the illness. Although Mother worked, Father did what he could around the house and greeted us when we came home from school. We were a happy and jolly family. The environment was very good. Eventually, my father became totally disabled. As I remember, he had lung trouble, tuberculosis, I think. At that time they called it consumption. My father died in 1910. I was eight and my brother four. We were the only children. Our mother passed away in 1945 and my brother in 1961.

I faintly remember Uncle Joe and two of his children visiting in our home at Milford. I

believe he and his family lived in O'Neill. I also remember Aunt Anna visiting us frequently after my father died. They were living in Kansas City at that time.

Grandfather Yantzi passed away in my mother's home in 1926. My mother at the time owned the only hotel in Milford,<sup>2</sup> and Grandfather had his own room there. He had given up living alone, as he needed care. At the time of his death, my husband and I and our little daughter were living in Beaver Crossing, Nebraska, 14 miles from Milford."

By Maude (Jantzi) Harling

Eighteen years after Nicholas died, Susie remarried to Charles Danford. Both Susie and Charles are buried in the Blue Mound Cemetery in Milford and Nicholas in the East Fairview Mennonite Cemetery.

There are many stories about individuals in various Yantzi-Jantzi families who in times past had differences with leadership in the Mennonite Church. Some of these stories may be based on partial truth, and some are probably exaggerated by the telling through the years. One story in this family is that Susie Jantzi changed the spelling of the family name to set herself apart from the Mennonites, because the church would not let her run her hotel on Sunday. She then joined the Methodist Church.

	BORN	DIED
IV. Nicholas U. Jantzi	Jan 5, 1869	Aug 21, 1910
m. Mar 7, 1901 to	MorningtonTwp.	E. Fairview
Susie Jausi (hotel owner) dau. of John and Margaret (Brunk) Jausi	Oct 15, 1883	June 4, 1945
		Blue Mound Cem.
rm. Nov 17, 1928 at Geneva, NE to		Milford, NE
Charles Danford		Blue Mound Cem.
Mennonite; United Methodist		
Milford, Neb.		
A. Maude Ellen Jantzi	Dec 1, 1901	
m. May 20, 1924 to William R. Harling	Mar 14, 1901	
B. Roman Nicholas Jantzi	July 8, 1905	Apr 13, 1961
m. Sep 14, 1928 to Edith Anderson	Apr 7, 1909	

<sup>1</sup>Susie's father was John, brother to Catherine Jausi, who married Joseph B. Jantzi, brother to Christian B. Yantzi. Her mother was Margaret Brunk, sister to Christian and Joseph, who married the Riser girls. See pages 349 - 370.

<sup>2</sup>The hotel was located near the northwest corner of Walnut and First Streets.

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IV. Nicholas U. Jantzi

We (William and Maude Harling) retired (from the grocery business in Beaver Crossing) in 1951 and moved to Florida permanently in 1964. I was raised a Methodist. We had our letter transferred from the United Methodist in Beaver Crossing to the United Methodist in Bradenton when we moved here.

My husband and I have one daughter, Ruth, and she and her husband have two daughters, Patricia and Robin. They live in the Washington, D.C.-Maryland-Virginia area, and we feel lucky that they have been able to visit us so often.

Bill and I have had health problems. I guess "the old grey mare isn't what she used to be," but, almost to our eighties, we shouldn't complain. Many things we are thankful for.  
(By Maude Jantzi Harling, 1980)

	BORN	DIED
A. Maude Ellen Jantzi m. May 20, 1924 at Marysville, KS to William R. Harling (merchant) son of William Felix and Clara United Methodist Harling 87-8 Royal Garden Estates, Bradenton, Fla. 33507	Dec 1, 1901 Beav.Cross.,NE Mar 14, 1901 Beav.Cross.,NE	
1. Ruth Arlene Harling (cartographer) m. June 24, 1949 at Camp Springs, MD to Charles L. Fairall (bus.-Fairall's Sunoco-20 yrs., teacher) son of Charles F. and Mary (Badger) Fairall Methodist 5801 Robin Lane, Camp Springs, Md. 301-20023	Jul 28, 1925 Beav.Cross.,NE Jan 31, 1924 Washington,DC	
a. Patricia Ann Fairall (consumer economist, textile Methodist research)	Jul 28, 1952 Washington,DC	
b. Robin Kaye Fairall (gov't empl.-business admin.) m. Nov 13, 1976 at Maryland Univ. Chapel, College Pk., to James Pavlick, (U.S. Secret Ser.) son of Col. Charles and Protestant Faye (Van Diense)Pavlick Japan 9893 Hagel Circle, Lorton, Va. 703-22079	July 3, 1954 Washington,DC Sep 20, 1953	
(1) Mathew James Pavlick	July 8, 1980	

Roman Nicholas Jantzi lived in Milford and remained in the Mennonite Church. He died at 55 and his widow Edith, a retired waitress, lives in Milford where two of their four children are living. (1982)

B. Roman Nicholas Jantzi (truck driver) m. Sept 14, 1928 at Council Bluffs, IA to Edith Anderson (waitress) dau. of Ole and Anna (Plessel) Mennonite/Lutheran Anderson Box 419, Milford, Neb. 68405	July 8, 1905 Beav.Cross.,NE Apr 7, 1909 Milford, NE	Apr 13, 1961 Blue Mound Cem. Milford, NE
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The Roman Nicholas Jantzi, Jr., family experienced serious illness and disappointment many years ago, as wife Ruth relates:

I almost died having the twins. I went into shock and lost my memory. As I was unable to take care of the younger children for a very long time, we allowed their foster parents to raise them. The children had to have their names in order for their insurance to take care of medical things. This was a very hard decision to make, but because of the length of time it took for me to recover, we felt this was best.

1. Roman Nicholas Jantzi, Jr. (truck driver, Chief of Police) m. Oct 31, 1951 at Colorado Springs, CO to Ruth Holtz (nurse aide) dau. of George Holtz Lutheran Route 2, Milford, Neb. 68405	Jan 9, 1932 Milford, NE Aug 18, 1932 Hastings, MI	
a. Jerry Nicholas Jantzi (Farmland Industries employee) m. and div. rm. Sept, 1974 to Debbie Barnes div. 1978 rm. May 11, 1979 at Grand Island, NE to Sue Grossnicklaus, dau. of Sam and Alice Grossnicklaus Roman Catholic Shelby, Neb.	Sep 28, 1952 Seward, NE	Shelby, NE
(1) Terry Jantzi	Oct 25, 1975	

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	BORN	DIED
IV. Nicholas U. Jantzi		
B. Roman Nicholas Jantzi		
1. Roman Nicholas Jantzi, Jr.		
b. Sharon Lynn Jantzi	Dec 20, 1953	
m. May 17, 1974 at Seward, NE to John Schlaback (killed in motorcycle accident)	Seward, NE	Nov 14, 1974
rm. May 20, 1975 at Phoenix, AZ to David Terry Newton (dairy farm employee)		Phoenix, AZ
Tulare, Cal.		
(1) Trisha Newton	Jan 6, 1977	
	Seward, NE	
(2) David Terry Newton, Jr.	Jun 20, 1978	
	California	
(3) Elizabeth Ann Newton	Nov 16, 1979	
	California	
c. Terry David Jantzi (pork packing plant)	Jan 2, 1956	
S. 14th St., Apt. 3, Lincoln, Neb.	Seward, NE	
d. Sandra Jean Jantzi (adopted by Roy Hershberger, Phoenix, AZ in 1960)	July 2, 1957	
	Seward, NE	
e. Ila May Jantzi (twin to Ida May) (adopted by Wallace and Edna Stauffer in 1960 and named Jana)	Sep 16, 1960	
	Lincoln, NE	
f. Ida May Jantzi (twin to Ila May) (died of sudden infant syndrome)	Sep 16, 1960	Dec 1960
	Lincoln, NE	Milford, NE
g. Ricky Ray Jantzi (adopted by Wallace and Edna Stauffer and named Wade)	Dec 31, 1961	
	Lincoln, NE	

The Ronald Jantzi family received wide publicity when wife Julie was named Nebraska Teacher of the Year for 1975. The Omaha World-Herald on January 9, 1976, carried an interesting article describing Julie's teaching methods. It highlighted the innovative learning activities which earned Julie this honor. She was honored by the Nebraska Department of Education with a recognition luncheon in Lincoln.

2. Ronald Adrian Jantzi (Sup. of Trade & Ind. Ed.-NE Dept.ofEd.)	Mar 14, 1944	
m. June 4, 1967 at Arapahoe, NE to	Milford, NE	
Julie Ann Maahs (dir. of Teacher Lab.-Concordia Teach. Coll.)	Apr 25, 1945	
dau. of Ernest and Katherine (Kalthoff) Maahs	Lexington, NE	
Lutheran, Missouri Synod		
Box 502, Milford, Neb. 68405		
a. Jason Ernest Jantzi	Mar 5, 1971	
	Friend, NE	
b. Jared William Jantzi	Jan 7, 1975	
	Friend, NE	
3. Richard Dean Jantzi (meat cutter-Farmland Foods)	Nov 24, 1945	
m. Dec 15, 1963 at Seward, NE to	Milford, NE	
Karen Ann Havel (restaurant empl.) dau. of Lumir J. & Gladys	Oct 22, 1947	
Fairmont Community Church	M. (Schrock)Havel	Friend, NE
715 7th Ave., Fairmont, Neb. 68354		
a. Scott Allen Jantzi	Jun 26, 1964	
	Friend, NE	
b. Shelly Kay Jantzi	Jun 30, 1965	
	Friend, NE	
c. Shane Nicholas Jantzi	Nov 3, 1968	
	Omaha, NE	
4. Suzanne Kay Jantzi	Sep 29, 1946	
m. Oct 10, 1964 at Milford, NE to	Milford, NE	
Leslie Jay Stutzman (carpenter) son of Roy & Ethel (Rediger)	Mar 21, 1945	
First Assembly of God	Stutzman	Milford, NE
2719 Bluff Place N.W., Albany, Ore. 97321		
a. Rhonda Anne Stutzman	Dec 12, 1968	
	Omaha, NE	
b. Tonya Suzette Stutzman	Nov 29, 1975	
	Omaha, NE	

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DAVID U. AND MAGGIE (WETTLAUFER) YANTZI

After having four sons, Christian and Magdalena were probably looking forward expectantly to the birth of their fifth child, hoping it would be a girl. Even though times might have been a bit hard, they were undoubtedly pleased that they could have both a girl and a boy, twins born on February 18, 1872. However, little Catherine lived only two weeks. Annie (Yantzi) Tammeus, in consultation with her sisters, gives us the following account of the twin who lived -- David U. Yantzi and his family:

"David was six years old when his parents left Canada and bought a farm in Seward County, Nebraska, near Milford, and was 11 when the family moved to Holt County, near O'Neill. He left school sometime after third grade and herded sheep for neighbors, which was not an unusual practice at that time. At 14 he was doing farm work for other families. He was almost 16 when the blizzard of 1888 struck the community.

I think each family had their own bad experience with that storm. The ones who were at home survived; some who were out in the storm, did not. My dad had gone to his uncle's home to deliver a message and was on his way home, riding a mule, when the storm came up. He didn't know where the mule was taking him until it stopped at the clothesline post. He followed the clothesline and got safely inside, with parts of his body frozen. With family remedies, that was taken care of. I remember him saying that it started out to be such a nice day; then the storm came up fast.

During summers David went with his older brothers, John, Joseph and Nicholas to Nobles County, Minnesota, to work as farm hands. I remember my dad telling about the nice summers they spent there and the many friends they made at Rushmore, Wilmont and Lismore.

In 1904, David U. Yantzi and Maggie Wettlauffer were married. Eleven children were born to them, eight growing to maturity. They received a warranty deed dated April 13, 1907 for the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 25, Township 31 N., Range 12 W., Holt County. They farmed this 160 acres until our house fire on December 22, 1907. A lamp exploded and my older sister, Irene, inhaled the smoke fumes and lived only about six hours. She was three. My sister Magdalen, six months old, was badly burned, as was my Dad, who was holding her. He grabbed me (I was almost two), put me out the door and tried to put the fire out on himself and my sisters. My mother was in the basement bringing up things for supper. Dad told her to come up the outside door so she would not get burned. My dad's face and right hand were badly burned and it took many months for the burns to heal. After the fire, we moved to O'Neill.

As soon as his hand healed, Dad started to play the violin again, to rebuild and make new violins and to do carpenter work again. As a young boy he had learned to play the violin and most any stringed instrument. He had learned carpentry from his Uncle John Ulrich during the two years the family was in Lewis County, New York. He liked it so much that he wanted to stay there and work, but his parents wanted him to return to Nebraska with them which he did. In his

later years he enjoyed making shelves and working with wood and also enjoyed gardening.

In the fall of 1908 we moved to Rushmore, Minnesota, where we lived with Uncle John for almost a year. Farming was too hard for my dad and he liked carpenter work better. A runaway horse accident when he was a young man resulted in ulcers and varicose veins, which caused him trouble all of his life. My mother liked farm work, and during the summer she and my dad worked together in the harvest fields for neighbors.

In 1914, Dad rented a small farm near Fulda, Minnesota, and worked that along with carpenter work. During the next few years, we moved many times in that general vicinity and then in December, 1916 we bought a farm in Mott, North Dakota, where we stayed less than a year. Marinette was born there in May, 1917. Because of unkept promises of the real estate dealer, hot winds and crop failure, and no other available work, we returned to Minnesota and bought a farm near Iona where my parents lived until they passed away. My mother refused to move any more.

With the help of the family, farming was good and my Dad had plenty of carpenter work at home then. He built our house, corncrib, granary, milk house, hog house, workshop and built on to the barn and hen house. We raised cattle, had many milk cows, horses, sheep and hogs, and lots of poultry.

Dad started an apple orchard and we had many kinds of good apples as well as plums, grapes and pears. Besides, there were many wild berries on the shores of Badger Lake. The lake was just below the hill of our pasture where fishing was good.

They planted sugar cane. Dad built a cement foundation and made a large pan with a fireplace under it. He got a press that was driven by horsepower to squeeze out the juice from the sugar cane stalks. Then it was boiled until just right. He sold many gallons of it. People came from far away to buy it, and they said it was good. In the spring, after summer butchering, Mother made soap, which some of us girls followed up with.

Sadness came in January, 1925, when Susie became ill. It was discovered she had diabetes. Insulin was not available here yet. It was just new then, and we had to order it from New York. We didn't get it in time. It came to Slayton the morning she died, February 18, 1925.

In the fall of 1943, my mother had a stroke. She was paralyzed and bedridden for about four years. After good care given her at home by her daughters Margaret and Lorraine, Ted, Harvey and Dad and the help of the family, things started to come back for her. She wanted so much to be able to walk again.

About 1947 some visiting Mennonites came from Canada. One, a minister, asked her if she would like prayer with them. She replied, 'Yes. Pray that I will be able to walk again.' At this time Lorraine and Margaret were not at home any more. Mother went to stay with Mildred, and she helped

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V. David U. Yantzi

Mother get started to walk. So her prayers were answered. Mother stayed with some of us, the last two years with Margaret and family till October, 1951, when she had to be hospitalized. She passed away Feb 4, 1952.

After her death, Harvey remained at home to help my dad. My father had an ulcerated toe (tumor in the bone) which proved cancerous. He was real spry until the fall before he died. The toe was amputated in January, 1961, and my father died in March. The farm was sold, and Harvey and Eva were married the next year.

My dad always believed in the Mennonite faith. Shortly after we moved to Minnesota, the Mennonites moved back to Canada and the Mennonite

community more or less died out around Wilmont. For this reason, Dad joined the Lutheran Church, as my mother was a Lutheran. The Wettlaufer family came to Holt County, Nebraska, from Canada in 1885. They settled about 15 miles from O'Neill and found it hard to be without a Lutheran church. Mother told of having Sunday school in school houses whenever possible as she was growing up.

Sister Margaret came down with diabetes at the age of 13 years. At this time, insulin was available. She got along fine till about 1960 when she was losing her eye sight. Then other complications set in and she passed away November 5, 1964.

	BORN	DIED
V. David U. Yantzi m. June 4, 1904 in Holt Co., NE to Maggie Wettlaufer, dau. of Conrad and Anna (Paul) Wettlaufer Mennonite; Lutheran O'Neill, Neb.; Iona, Minn.	Feb 18, 1872 Milverton, ON Dec 15, 1886 Holt Co., Ne	Mar 6, 1961 Prairie Hill Feb 4, 1952 Prairie Hill Fulda, MN
A. Irene Yantzi	Aug 4, 1904 O'Neill, NE	Dec 22, 1907 Menn. Cem., O'Neill, NE
B. Annie Kathryn Yantzi m. May 27, 1929 to John Meinders Tammeus	Jan 2, 1906 Aug 4, 1902	Jun 15, 1970
C. Magdalen Yantzi m. to George Bednar	Jun 23, 1907 Feb 22, 1908	
D. Harry David Yantzi m. Sept 16, 1937 to Eunice Rose Smith	Feb 28, 1909 Apr 1, 1909	May 11, 1981 Jul 10, 1981
E. Martha Yantzi	Nov 7, 1910	Nov 9, 1910
F. Susie Yantzi	Sep 27, 1911	Feb 18, 1925
G. Mildred Yantzi m. Jan 23, 1946 to Kenneth Lang	Dec 14, 1913 May 25, 1916	
H. Harvey Yantzi m. Sept 15, 1962 to Eva May Schlueter	Nov 6, 1915 Dec 17, 1913	
I. Marinette Yantzi m. Dec 30, 1940 to Mirl Earnst Smith	May 15, 1917 Sep 17, 1905	Dec 30, 1969
J. Lorraine Yantzi m. Feb to James Edward Stevens	Jun 19, 1919 May 20, 1910	
K. Margaret Yantzi m. Oct 28, 1945 to Donald K. Erickson Donald rm. Mar 19, 1966 to Sylvia Larson rm. Apr 26, 1980 to Geri Giles	Aug 7, 1921 Dec 1, 1918	Nov 5, 1964

Annie (Yantzi) Tammeus told of the following difficult times in their family life:

My husband John had a corn-picking accident in November, 1967. He had been in the picker 3½ hours before I found him and got help to get him out. I had to walk a long way to get to him. He lost his right hand. He kept getting small strokes and they kept coming closer together, which caused lots of trouble for him. He died of a stroke in June, 1970.

Our son John died in 1957 at age 19 from a rare disease, pulmonary blastomycosis. At that time there was no cure for it. Now doctors tell me there is. He was sick only about a week.

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V. David U. Yantzi	BORN	DIED
B. Annie Kathryn Yantzi m. May 27, 1929 at Slayton, MN to John Meinders Tammeus (farmer) son of Jurn and Anke (Meinders) Lutheran 2527 Ironwood Ave., Slayton, Minn. 56172	Jan 2, 1904 O'Neill, NE Aug 4, 1902 Rysum, Ger.	Jun 15, 1970 Im. Amer. Luth. Fulda, MN
1. Margaret Tammeus (teacher) m. July 4, 1959 at Fulda, MN to Charles D. Nelson (farmer) son of Frans and Nora (Larson) Lutheran Route 2, Box 82G, Slayton, Minn. 56172	Aug 23, 1930 Iona, MN Oct 25, 1928 Slayton, MN	
a. Charles Allen Nelson	Nov 27, 1960 Slayton, MN	
b. Karen Renee Nelson	Jan 3, 1963 Slayton, MN	
c. Lois Ann Nelson	Oct 14, 1965 Slayton, MN	
d. Ruth Elaine Nelson	Dec 28, 1966 Slayton, MN	
e. Donald John Nelson	Sep 11, 1968 Slayton, MN	
2. Vera Mae Tammeus (bookkeeper) m. Aug 23, 1953 at Fulda, MN to Raymond Peddycoart (postal carrier) son of Rudy and Ida Peddycoart 10608 Alabama Circle, Minneapolis, Minn. 55438	Jul 22, 1932 Fulda, MN	
a. Keith Raymond Peddycoart (salesman) m. Jun 11, 1977 at Minneapolis, MN to Valerie Skelly	Jun 22, 1954 Minneapolis, MN	
b. Robert John Peddycoart	Mar 16, 1964 Minneapolis, MN	
3. Beverly Beatrice Tammeus m. Aug 4, 1956 at Fulda, MN to Eberhard (Ed) Heim (meat cutter) son of Adolph and Luise Lutheran Route 2, Marshall, Minn. 56258	Feb 17, 1934 Fulda, MN Mar 28, 1932 Gniebel, Ger.	
a. Nancy Luise Heim	Nov 29, 1964 Marshall, MN	
b. Deborah Ann Heim	Feb 17, 1966 Marshall, MN	
c. Walter John Heim	Sep 24, 1967 Marshall, MN	
4. Dorothy Alta Tammeus m. Nov 19, 1965 at Fulda, MN to Michael Gustafson (postal empl.) son of Carl and Lillie Lutheran 881 66th Ave. N.E., Fridley, Minn. 55432	Feb 17, 1936 Slayton, MN	
a. Scott Michael Gustafson	Jun 10, 1969 Minneapolis, MN	
b. Carla Mae Gustafson	June 2, 1971 Minneapolis, MN	
c. Kurt John Gustafson	Jun 15, 1974 Fridley, MN	
5. John Meinders Tammeus, Jr.	Oct 22, 1937 Fulda, MN	Feb 19, 1957 Im. Amer. Luth. Fulda, MN
6. Marilyn Lois Tammeus (accountant) m. Sept 2, 1961 at Fulda, MN to John Calvin Brink (mechanic) son of John S. & Joanne (Maat) American Reformed 800 South Bahnson St., Sioux Falls, S.D. 57103	July 2, 1942 Wilmon, MN Jul 16, 1939 Sanborn, IA	

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	BORN	DIED
V. David U. Yantzi		
B. Annie Kathryn Yantzi		
6. Marilyn Lois Tammeus		
a. James Dean Brink	June 6, 1962 Slayton, MN	
b. Kathy Lynn Brink	Aug 1, 1964 Slayton, MN	
C. Magdalen Yantzi	Jun 23, 1907	
m. to		
George Bednar, son of Joe and Joessie Bednar	Feb 22, 1908	
Willow River, Minn. 55795		
1. Muriel Joan Bednar	May 30, 1933	
m. to		
Roland Martin Goetsch, son of Theodore and Marie Goetsch		
807 Park Village, Aberdeen, S.D. 57401		
a. Martin Ray Goetsch	June 3, 1964	
b. Nyla Rose Goetsch	Oct 1971	
2. Dwaine Dean Bednar (farmer)	Aug 23, 1935	Oct 10, 1978
m. Feb 18, 1961 at Newell, SD to	Fulda, MN	Huron, SD
Anna Marie Ollila (dietary dept.-Sandstone Area Nurs. Home)	Apr 29, 1942	
dau. of Emil and Maggie (Krein) Ollila	B. Fourche, SD	
Faith Lutheran		
Willow River, Minn. 55795		
a. Dwaine Dean Bednar, Jr.	Nov 23, 1961 Sturgis, SD	
b. Douglas Ervin Bednar	Apr 23, 1963 Sturgis, SD	
c. Patricia Ann Bednar	June 8, 1965 Huron, SD	
d. David Scott Bednar	Sept 3, 1966 Huron, SD	
e. Lisa Marie Bednar	Oct 14, 1973 Duluth, MN	
3. Ervin Bednar (dairy business)	Oct 30, 1937	
Willow River, Minn. 55795		
4. Donna Mae Bednar (nurse aide, ward check)	May 29, 1940	
m. July 26, 1959 at Newell, SD to		
Darrell Everett Ward (diesel mech./oper.) son of Everett &	Sep 10, 1938	
Lutheran	Phoebe Ward Hankinson, ND	
1201 Lawrence St., Belle Fourche, S.D. 57717		
a. Darrell Dean Ward	Jul 19, 1960	
b. Marvin Eugene Ward	Jun 15, 1961	
c. Melvin Lee Ward	Jan 29, 1963	
d. Laurie Jo Ward	Mar 23, 1964	
e. Peggy Sue Ward	Oct 17, 1970	
5. Arlys Bednar	Mar 11, 1947	
m. to		
Darrell Christian Bader, son of Christian & Francis Bader		
Virgil, S.D. 57379		
a. Bradley Keith Bader	Jul 28, 1968	
b. Marsha Louise Bader	Mar 27, 1971	

D. Harry David Yantzi

After their marriage in 1937, Harry and Eunice lived in Iona, Minnesota and farmed near Balaton and Ruthnton. In 1945 they moved to a farm near Strandburg, South Dakota, later to a farm near South Shore and then to Summit in 1969.

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Norma Jean (Yantzi) Drake reported some of her memories of her parents:

"My parents, Harry and Eunice Yantzi, are and were the best in the world as far as I am concerned. We all worked together, and very hard, too. Farm work is not easy, but I would not exchange my childhood days with anyone. I think the older you get, the more memories come back to you. When you are growing up, you don't appreciate things as much as when you get older.

There are so many things I can remember as a child, but there was one incident that sticks in my mind and we laugh about it to this day:

Dad and three of us girls were going to the neighbors' after a very hard day's work, and at the end of our lane was a gate which always had to be opened and closed. Dad said, "Who is going to open the gate?" And we all said, "Go through it." Dad stepped on the brakes. Guess what? No brakes! The gate flew in every direction, and we laughed all the time while we were fixing it."

Harry suffered a severe heart attack in May, 1981, while waiting for Eunice to be discharged from the hospital. Other attacks followed and he died two days later. Eunice had surgery in July and two days later also died, a day less than two months after Harry. Both are buried in the Tabor Lutheran Cemetery in Strandburg.

	BORN	DIED
D. Harry David Yantzi (farmer) m. Sept 16, 1937 at Slayton, MN to Eunice Rose Smith, dau. of Peter and Rose Mae (Noyes) Smith Lutheran Summit, S.D.	Feb 28, 1909 Rushmore, MN Apr 1, 1909 Fulda ,	May 11, 1981 Tabor Luth. Jul 10, 1981 Tabor, Luth., Strandburg, SD
1. Darlene Deloris Yantzi (general mgr.-Summit school) m. Sept 24, 1959 at Summit, SD to Joseph Easton Clark (hay buying/selling) son of Easton Lutheran Box 751, Summit, S.D. 57266	Apr 9, 1941 Tyler, MN Aug 9, 1932 Summit, SD	
a. David Dean Clark (building/resurfacing bowling alleys) m. Apr 26, 1980 at Summit, SD to Julie Anna Faeth (sec.-bookkeeper-family business) dau. of Arthur and Luceil (Schloe) Faeth Lutheran 12441 9th St., Garden Grove, Cal. 92640 (1) Mitch Allen Clark	Apr 1, 1960 Watertown, SD Jul 16, 1960 Sisseton, SD	
b. Beverly Jo Clark		July 2, 1981 Orange, CA
c. Jolene Joy Clark		Oct 28, 1961 Watertown, SD
d. Joseph Easton Clark, Jr.		May 2, 1963 Watertown, SD
e. Calvin Gene Clark		June 6, 1964 Watertown, SD
		Nov 4, 1967 Watertown, SD
2. Norma Jean Yantzi (nurse) m. Aug 29, 1970 at Watertown, SD to Thomas Franklin Drake (carpenter) son of LaVerne & Susana Lutheran (Wagner) Drake	Jul 18, 1942 Tyler, MN Mar 12, 1924 St. Paul, MN	
a. James Dean Drake		May 27, 1967 St. Paul, MN
b. Brian Thomas Drake		Mar 7, 1975 St. Paul, MN
3. Bonnie Lou Yantzi (cook) m. June 26, 1965 at Brainerd, MN to George Edward Stulc (mechanic) son of Joseph Gabriel and Wesleyan Church P.O. Box 56, Henry, S.D. 57243	Jan 22, 1944 Tyler, MN Jul 24, 1942 Aitkin Co.,MN	
a. Kristi Rose Stulc		Jun 11, 1967 St. Paul, MN
b. Tammy Marie Stulc		Jan 1, 1969 St. Paul, MN

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V. David U. Yantzi		
D. Harry David Yantzi		
3. Bonnie Lou Yantzi		
c. Kevin Jay Stulc	Sep 17, 1970 St. Paul, MN	
4. Melba Marie Yantzi (shipper)	Nov 30, 1946	
m. Sep 27, 1969 at Waubay, SD to Gordon Earl Gronau (lineman-elec. co.) son of George & Mabel Lutheran (Rieck) Gronau	Watertown, SD Apr 20, 1937 Sisseton, SD	
805 North Park, Watertown, S.D. 57201		
a. Gregory Gordon Gronau	Apr 2, 1970 Watertown, SD	
b. Lisha Marie Gronau	Mar 6, 1974 Watertown, SD	
5. Dale Yantzi	Nov 14, 1949	Nov 16, 1949
	Clear Lake, SD	Strandburg, SD
E. Martha Yantzi	Nov 7, 1919	Nov 9, 1910
	Wilmont, MN	Wilmont, MN
F. Susie Yantzi	Sep 27, 1911	Feb 18, 1925
		Iona, MN
G. Mildred Yantzi	Dec 14, 1913	
m. Jan 23, 1946 at Minneapolis, MN to Kenneth Lang, son of William and Nettie (Smallwood) Lang Protestant	Nobles Co., MN May 25, 1916 Milaca, MN	
3087 N. Wilder St., St. Paul, Minn. 55113 and R.R.3, Milaca, Minn. 56353		
1. David Lang (scientist)	Apr 29, 1947	
m. June 10, 1967 at Minneapolis, MN to Linda Peterson (pers. mgr.) dau. of Everett & Edith (Olson) Protestant Peterson	Minneapolis, MN May 15, 1947 Marquette, MI	
R.#4, Milaca, Minn. 56353		
a. Meghan Alayne Lang	May 14, 1976 Milaca, MN	
b. Daniel Flint Lang	Jul 18, 1977 Milaca, MN	
c. Kjerstin Ann Lang	Sep 10, 1981 Milaca, MN	
2. Daniel Lang (ass't plant superintendent)	Aug 27, 1950	
Protestant	Minneapolis, MN	
3078 N. Wilder St., St. Paul, Minn. 55113 and R.#3, Milaca, Minn. 56353		
H. Harvey Yantzi (farmer, lumber yard worker, painter/carpenter)	Nov 6, 1915	
m. Sept 15, 1962 at Slayton, MN to Eva May Schlueter, dau. of Henry and Lydia (Drawz) Schlueter Lutheran	Iona, MN Dec 17, 1913 LakeBenton, MN	
2006 Court St., Slayton, Minn. 56172		
I. Marinette Yantzi	May 15, 1917	
m. Dec 30, 1940 at Slayton, MN to Mirl Earnst Smith (farmer) son of Peter and Rose Mae (Noyes) Wilmont, Minn. 56185 Smith	Mott, ND Sep 17, 1905 El Dorado, MO	Dec 30, 1969 Worthington, MN
1. Kenneth Merlin Smith (dairy herd testing)	Oct 13, 1941	
m. June 28, 1969 at Worthington, MN to Helen Lee Matzke (dairy herd test.) dau. of George and Iva United Methodist (Ruby) Matzke	Slayton, MN Aug 22, 1943 Windom, MN	
Box 26, Lakefield, Minn. 56150		
a. Douglas Ray Smith	Mar 18, 1970 Worthington, MN	
b. Carmen Le Smith	May 26, 1974 Worthington, MN	

CHRISTIAN B. AND MAGDALENA (ULRICH) YANTZI FAMILY

	BORN	DIED
V. David U. Yantzi		
I. Marinette Yantzi		
2. Leland Ernest Smith (farmer)	Aug 18, 1943	
m. Sept 9, 1967 at Worthington, MN to	Wilmont, MN	
Kathleen Louise Bell, dau. of Arnold & Adeline (Carstensen)	Mar 7, 1947	
Presbyterian	Bell	Sac. Heart, MN
Route 1, Box 8, Wilmont, Minn. 56185		
a. Kurtis Lee Smith	Jun 15, 1969	
	Worthington, MN	
b. Trisha Lynn Smith	May 30, 1972	
	Worthington, MN	
3. Ervin Lloyd Smith (farmer)	June 3, 1945	
m. Sept 5, 1964 at Wilmont, MN to	Slayton, MN	
LaVerna Mae Hakeman, dau. of Merl and Leona (Showalter)	Apr 22, 1947	
Presbyterian	Hakeman	Hartley, IA
R.R.3, Box 108, Iona, Minn. 56141		
a. Theodore Loyde Smith	Jun 28, 1966	
	Slayton, MN	
b. Todd Lee Smith	Feb 20, 1968	
	Slayton, MN	
c. Sheila Renee Smith	Aug 23, 1969	
	Slayton, MN	
d. Jason Merle Smith	Nov 29, 1979	
	Worthington, MN	
4. Richard Dean Smith (farmer)	May 6, 1947	
m. July 27, 1968 at Reading, MN to	Slayton, MN	
Linda Faye Sibson (x-ray tech.) dau. of Floyd and Martha	Jun 14, 1948	
Presbyterian	(Luterman) Sibson	Adrian, MN
Wilmont, Minn. 56185		
a. Kevin Dean Smith	Dec 17, 1969	
	Marshall, MN	
b. Krista Lynae Smith	Oct 21, 1973	
	Worthington, MN	
c. Jeffrey David Smith	Mar 18, 1975	
	Worthington, MN	
d. Kari Jolene Smith	Dec 28, 1977	
	Worthington, MN	
5. Clyde Wayne Smith (farmer)	Feb 4, 1952	
m. Sept 5, 1970 at St. Kilian, MN to	Slayton, MN	
Barbara Ann Hoffman, dau. of Tom and Lorraine Hoffman		
Wilmont, Minn. 56185		
a. Chad Wayne Smith	Jan 22, 1971	
6. Bruce Ray Smith	May 15, 1958	May 15, 1958
	Slayton, MN	Slayton, MN
J. Lorraine Yantzi (seamstress)	Jun 19, 1919	
m. Feb at Minneapolis, MN to	Slayton, MN	
James Edward (Ed) Stevens (farm hand) son of Benjamin & Ellen	May 20, 1910	
Lutheran	(Boyle) Stevens	O'Neill, NE
Route 1, Larchwood, Ia. 51241		
1. Joel David Stevens (aircraft mechanic)	Apr 28, 1937	
m. July 2, 1966 at Sioux Falls, SD to	Slayton, MN	
Lorna Mae Grotewold, dau. of Leroy & Pearl Marie (McMonagle)	Feb 15, 1944	
Lutheran	Grotewold	Larchwood, IA
Route 1, Larchwood, IA 51241		
a. Lorie Kay Stevens	Jul 12, 1969	
	Sioux Falls, SD	
b. Lisa Marie Stevens	Nov 26, 1970	
	Sioux Falls, SD	

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	BORN	DIED
V. David U. Yantzi		
K. Margaret Yantzi	Aug 7, 1921	Nov 5, 1964
m. Oct 28, 1945 at Slayton, MN to	Slayton, MN	Sioux Falls, SD
Donald K. Erickson (contractor) son of Erick & Nellie (Anderson) Lutheran	Dec 1, 1918	
Slayton, Minn.; Sioux Fall, S.D.	Erickson	Slayton, MN
Donald rm. Mar 19, 1966 at Sioux Falls, SD to		
Sylvia Larson		
div.; rm. Apr 26, 1980 at Carmel, CA to Geri Giles		
173 Wayfarer Lane, Lake Havasu City, Ariz. 86403		
1. Verlyn B. Erickson (Bell Laboratories-Naperville, IL)	Jun 19, 1946	
m. Aug 10, 1968 at Jackson, MN to	Sioux Falls, SD	
Beverly Eggimann, dau. of Raymond & Irene (Schlager)	Apr 19, 1946	
Lutheran	Eggimann	Jackson, MN
1284 Brandywine, Batavia, Ill. 60510		
a. Jon Erick Erickson	Oct 27, 1972	
	Madison, WI	
b. Michael David Erickson	Mar 27, 1976	
	Madison, WI	
2. Cheryl Diane Erickson	Jul 28, 1950	Jul 28, 1950
	Sioux Falls, SD	Sioux Falls, SD
3. Baby boy (stillborn)	Jan 1957	Jan 1957
		Sioux Falls, SD
VI. Catherine Yantzi (twin to David)	Feb 18, 1872	Mar 1, 1872
	Milverton, ON	Milverton, ON

ANNA YANTZI AND BENJAMIN ELLISON THOMPSON

After losing baby Catherine in 1872, Christian and Magdalena were probably overjoyed that their sixth child was a girl. Anna was born in 1874 and very appropriately named after Magdalena's only sister who died at age 17. With Anna's birth began a pattern of alternating sexes for the remaining births of the family -- girl, boy, girl, boy, girl.

Anna was four when the family came to Nebraska and nine when they moved to Holt County, northwest of O'Neill. Many girls of that time "worked out" young. Anna went to work, taking care of children when she was ten. She took care of Mary Ann Yantzi, daughter of Joseph and Catherine.

When Anna was 14, the family went to Croghan, New York, for a few years where her father worked in the sawmill owned by Magdalena's brother, John Ulrich. The six children who went with their parents to New York ranged in age from three to sixteen. No doubt David and Anna had much responsibility, not only on the trip, but also in their new environment. Some of the family worked in the hop fields there. They lived in a forest area. One day Anna and Daniel were going through the forest, and they met a bearded old gentleman who said, "Don't be afraid, children. I am your

relation. I am Pete Yancey, and I won't hurt you." (This was probably Peter Yancey, younger half-brother of Anna's grandfather, Joseph Jantzi.) It is quite likely that the Yantzi and Ulrich cousins had many good times together.

The trip to Arkansas in a covered wagon when Anna was 18 probably required even more responsibility of her, since Magdalena suffered from asthma. We know that sister Mattie "worked out" after she got to Arkansas; so it is likely Anna did also, or that she worked at home.

In January, 1896, Anna married Benjamin Ellison Thompson, whose family lived in the area. Anna and Ben settled in a log cabin about a mile from Anna's parents. Their first son was born in December of that year and lived only a few days. The second son, born in 1897, lived two weeks. Their third son, Benjamin Christian, tells about his own birth:

"I was born in January, 1899. That was a long, hard and cold winter, according to weather records, even in Arkansas. Snow would sift through the roof and blow through the chinks between the log walls of the cabin and settle on the bed where Mother and I lay. She almost died. Grand-